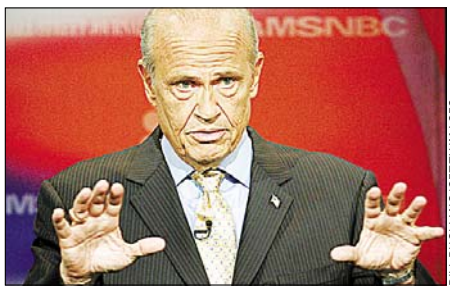


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Private Guards Kill 2 Iraqi Women



GRIM SCENE: An Iraqi woman looks inside a blood-stained car where two women were shot dead by private security guards on Tuesday. The Iraqi government said a convoy from an Australian firm fired on the car at a Baghdad intersection, then sped away. ♦ **'Reckless':** Iraqis decry latest shooting | **Page 9**

Court Rejects Torture Appeal

Justices refuse to hear German's allegations of CIA abuse

WASHINGTON | A German man who says he was abducted and tortured by the CIA as part of the anti-terrorism rendition program lost his final chance Tuesday to persuade U.S. courts to hear his claims.

The Supreme Court rejected without comment an appeal from Khaled el-Masri, effectively endorsing Bush administration arguments that state secrets would be revealed if courts allowed the case to proceed.

El-Masri, 44, a German citizen of Lebanese descent, says he was mistakenly identified as an associate of the Sept. 11 hijackers and was detained while attempting to enter Macedonia on New Year's Eve 2003.

He claims that CIA agents stripped, beat, shackled, diapered, drugged and chained him to the floor of a plane for a flight to Afghanistan. He says he was held for four months in a CIA-run prison known as the

"salt pit" in the Afghan capital of Kabul.

After the CIA determined it had the wrong man, el-Masri says, he was dumped on a hilltop in Albania and told to walk down a path without looking back.

El-Masri's claims, which prompted strong international criticism of the rendition program, were backed by European investigations and U.S. news reports. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that U.S. officials acknowledged that el-Masri's detention was a mistake. MARK SHERMAN (AP)



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Change for a million? That's what a man was seeking when he handed a \$1 million bill to a cashier at a Pittsburgh supermarket. But when the Giant Eagle employee refused and a manager confiscated the bogus bill, the man flew into a rage, slamming an electronic funds-transfer machine into the counter and reaching for a scanner gun. Police arrested the man. Since 1969, the \$100 bill has been the largest note in circulation. Police believe the \$1 million note seized at the supermarket may have originated at a Dallas-based ministry. Last year, the ministry distributed religious pamphlets with a picture of President Grover Cleveland on a \$1 million bill. (AP)



DRIVING

High-Speed Chases Not Fuel-Efficient

High gas prices are forcing deputies in Utah's Davis County to watch the odometer. Officers have been told to limit their driving to 75 to 100 miles during a 12-hour shift, through the end of the year, sheriff's Lt. Brad Wilcox said Monday. Wilcox said the sheriff's department spends more than \$25,000 per month on gas. "Our fuel costs are way over budget," he said. "We had a couple months where fuel prices were through the roof." Does that mean that crooks will go wild? "Absolutely not," Wilcox said. "It's ridiculous to think because

we're trying to save money on gas, deputies are not allowed to respond to calls for service. That's just not going to happen." (AP)



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GAZE

Er, Don't Look Now

Colombian artist Fernando Botero is perhaps best-known as "that guy who paints fat people." And, indeed, portrayals of obesity are a critical part of his oeuvre. While they can seem jolly, this giant head sculpture, called "Head," will threaten onlookers with its blankly ominous stare in Berlin until Nov. 25. (EXPRESS)

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When Jamie Howard knocked on Paul Sucher's door six months ago, he was trying to sell him a new vacuum cleaner. He ended up giving the Twin Falls, Idaho, man one of his kidneys. The chance encounter with Howard,

a traveling salesman for the Kirby Co., led to transplant surgery in August. Now, the color is returning to Sucher's cheeks and he is recovering. Sucher, 35, suffered kidney failure three years ago because of high blood pressure, forcing him to undergo dialysis. When Howard came by on a sales call, he learned that Sucher couldn't afford a new vacuum cleaner because of the illness. He also

learned Sucher had O-positive blood — the same as his. "I went outside, prayed about it, called my dad and my wife," Howard remembers. "[Donating] was something I was called to do." Howard, who is also 35, passed the tests required for potential donors. Two months later, Sucher says he feels so good it's almost as if he never was ill: "It's truly a miracle." (AP)



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WRONG EXIT: Talk about a wrong turn. Three teens suspected of burglarizing vehicles were arrested in Madison, Wis., on Monday after they attempted to elude a police car by accidentally turning into a police station.

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TED S. WARREN/AP

Ivy Green holds a photo of her brother, Casey Craig, who died in a plane crash.

WHITE PASS, WASH. Plane Crash in Cascades Kills All 10 Passengers

Searchers combing through wreckage Tuesday found the last three victims among 10 killed when their plane crashed in Washington's rugged central Cascade Range on their way home from a skydiving event. The debris at the remote crash site indicated that the Cessna Caravan 208 went down in a steep nosedive, Yakima County Sheriff Ken Irwin said. (AP)

CHICAGO Police to Disband Elite Unit Accused of Criminal Activity

The Chicago Police Department said Tuesday it would disband its elite drug and gang unit after seven of its officers were charged with felonies, including armed violence, home invasion and kidnapping. One of those officers was charged last month with allegedly plotting to hire someone to kill a potential witness against him — a fellow police officer. (AP)

Republicans Square off at Debate

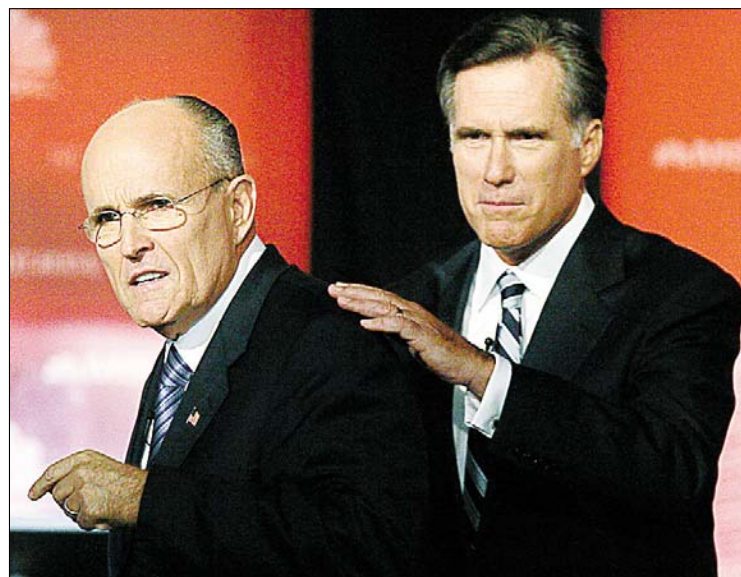
Giuliani and Romney share sharp exchange over spending, taxes

DEARBORN, MICH. | Republican presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani quarreled over tax and spending cuts Tuesday, each claiming greater commitment than the other in a debate in the nation's struggling manufacturing heartland.

The government "is spending money of future generations and those yet to be born," added Fred Thompson, making his debut on a debate stage after a late entry into the race.

After months of polite debate sparring, Giuliani and Romney squared off without hesitation, a reflection of their struggle for primacy in the race for their party's presidential nomination.

"I cut taxes 23 times. I believe



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Republican presidential hopefuls Rudy Giuliani, left, and Mitt Romney speak to an audience member during a break at a debate on Tuesday in Dearborn, Mich.

in tax cuts," Giuliani said.

Romney initially conceded that point, but quickly criticized his rival for once filing a court challenge to

a law that gave President Clinton the right to veto spending items line by line.

Romney also said that while

mayor, Giuliani "fought to keep the commuter tax, which is a very substantial tax ... on consumers coming into New York."

Giuliani responded that spending fell in New York while he was mayor and rose in Massachusetts while Romney was governor.

"The point is that you've got to control taxes. I did it, he didn't. ... I led, he lagged."

"It's baloney," retorted Romney. "I did not increase taxes in Massachusetts. I lowered taxes."

The exchange was among the most heated of the campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, reflecting a quickening pace as the 2008 caucuses and primaries draw close.

It also left Thompson, Sen. John McCain of Arizona and the other contenders as something of bystanders for the several moments that Romney and Giuliani went at one another. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

Study: No Benefit to Private Schools

Public-school students score equally well on key achievement test

WASHINGTON | Low-income students who attend urban public high schools generally do just as well on achievement tests as private-school students with similar backgrounds, according to a study

EXCEPTIONAL ORDERS

→ The study included 1,000 students. When family factors were accounted for, the only kind of private schools that had a positive impact on student achievement in the study were Catholic schools run by holy orders such as the Jesuits.

being released Wednesday.

Students at independent private schools and most parochial schools scored the same on 12th-grade achievement tests in core academic subjects as those in traditional public high schools when income and other family characteristics were taken into account, according to the study by the nonpartisan Center on Education Policy.

While the finding is in line with some recent studies, it's at odds with a larger body of research that has found private-school students outperform those in public schools.

However, the new study not only compared students by income levels but also looked at a range of other family characteristics, such as whether a parent participates in school life.

"When these were taken into account, the private-school advantage went away," the report states.

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Pill May Ease Detox Need

Migraine medicine could be used to help treat alcohol addiction

CHICAGO | A migraine pill seems to help alcoholics taper off their drinking without detox treatment, researchers report, offering a potential option for a hard-to-treat problem.

The drug, Topamax, works in a different way than three other medications already approved for treating alcoholism.

Experts said the drug is likely to appeal to heavy drinkers who would rather seek help from their own doctors rather than enter a rehab clinic to dry out. The drug costs at least \$350 per month, plus the price of visits to the doctor.

But side effects are a problem,

RESEARCH IN A BOTTLE

→ The study followed 371 heavy drinkers for 14 weeks. At the start of the study, they drank, on average, 11 standard drinks daily.

→ By the end of the study, 27 of the 183 people, or 15 percent, who took Topamax had quit drinking entirely for seven weeks or more. That compared to six out of 188, or 3 percent, in the placebo group.

→ Others cut back. The Topamax group cut back to six drinks per day, on average.

and it's unclear whether the findings will make a dent in an addiction that affects millions of Americans.

Addiction specialists not involved in the study said the findings are promising, although

side effects such as trouble concentrating, tingling and itching caused about one in five people to drop out of the study.

"The size of the treatment effect is larger than in most of the other medications we've seen," said Dr. Mark Willenbring of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. "And all the drinking variables changed in the right direction."

The study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, was funded by the maker of the drug, Johnson & Johnson Inc.'s Ortho-McNeil Neurologics. The researchers also reported financial ties to the company. Ortho-McNeil reviewed the manuscript but did not change the results or interpretation, the researchers reported.

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Democrats Withdraw From Primary in Mich.

Clinton breaks with leading candidates, will be on the ballot

LANSING, MICH. | Four Democratic candidates have withdrawn from Michigan's Jan. 15 presidential primary, leaving what amounts to a sure victory for front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton against a handful of lesser-known candidates.

Barack Obama, John Edwards and Bill Richardson filed paperwork Tuesday to withdraw from the ballot, according to Kelly Chesney, spokeswoman for the Michigan Secretary of State's office. A fourth candidate, Joe Biden, said in a statement that he was also bypassing the primary.



Clinton

Though Michigan is a critical primary state, it violated Democratic National Committee rules in moving its primary up from February. The

candidates are honoring the DNC's wishes by skipping the contest.

Clinton broke with the leading candidates and will remain on the ballot.

"We're honoring the pledge, and we won't campaign or spend money in states that aren't in compliance with the DNC calendar," said Clinton spokesman Jay Carson. "We don't think it's necessary to remove ourselves from the ballot." (AP)

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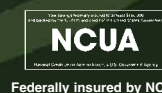
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IN THE NAME OF LOVE: Rindy Sam, a 30-year-old French artist who planted a lipstick-laden kiss on an all-white painting by American artist Cy Twombly went on trial Tuesday, telling the court she had committed an "act of love" — not a crime.

World

Security Guards Kill 2 Iraqi Women

Protection detail opens fire as car approaches convoy in Karrahhah

BAGHDAD | Guards working for an Australian-owned security company fired on a car as it approached their convoy Tuesday, killing two women before speeding away from the latest bloodshed blamed on the deadly mix of heavily armed protection details on Baghdad's crowded streets.

The deaths of the two Iraqi Christians — including one who used the white sedan as an unofficial taxi to raise money for her family — came a day after the Iraqi government handed U.S. officials a report demanding hefty payments and the ouster from Iraq of embattled Blackwater USA for a shooting last month that left at least 17 civilians dead.



A private security team shot at this white Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera in Karrahhah, Iraq, on Tuesday, killing two Christian women. An investigation is under way.

The deaths Tuesday at a Baghdad intersection may sharpen demands to curb the expanding array of security firms in Iraq watching over diplomats, aid groups and others.

"We deeply regret this incident," said a statement from Michael Priddin, the chief operating officer of Unity Resources Group, a security company owned by Australian partners but with headquarters in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

Priddin said the company would disclose more details of the shooting after "the facts have been verified and the necessary people and authorities notified."

Initial accounts suggested the guards opened fire as the car failed to heed warnings to stop and drifted closer to the convoy near a Unity facility in central Baghdad's Karrahhah district. KIM GAMEL (AP)

Expert: Warming Rate Speeds Up

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA | Worldwide economic growth has accelerated the level of greenhouse gas emissions to a dangerous threshold scientists had not expected for another decade, according to a leading Australian climate change expert.

Tim Flannery told Australian Broadcasting Corp. that an upcoming report by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will contain new data showing that the level of climate-changing gases in the atmosphere has already reached critical levels.

"What the report establishes is that the amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere is already above the threshold that can potentially cause dangerous climate change," Flannery said.

The IPCC declined comment on the report. (AP)

A Small Discovery Earns Nobel in Physics

Physicists who helped shrink the size of hard disks win top prize

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN | Two European scientists won the 2007 Nobel Prize in physics on Tuesday for a discovery that lets computers, iPods and other digital devices store reams of data on ever-shrinking hard disks.

France's Albert Fert and German Peter Gruenberg independently discovered a physical effect in 1988 that has led to sensitive tools for reading the information stored on hard disks. That sensitivity lets the electronics industry use smaller and smaller disks.

The two scientists discovered a phenomenon called giant magnetoresistance. In this effect, very weak changes in magnetism generate larger changes in electrical resistance. This is how information stored magnetically on a hard disk can be converted to electrical signals that the computer reads.

Smaller disks mean fainter magnetic signals, so the ability to detect



Fert

Gruenberg

them is key to shrinking hard disks. The first disk-reading device based on the effect was launched in 1997 "and this soon became the standard technology," the Nobel committee said.

Fert, 69, is the scientific director of the Mixed Unit for Physics at CNRS/Thales in Orsay, France, while Gruenberg, 68, is a professor at the Institute of Solid State Research in the west German city of Juelich. They will share the \$1.5 million prize.

When asked whether he'd thought his discovery would have such wide application, Fert said. "You can never predict in physics. ... These days, when I go to my grocer and see him type on a computer, I say, 'Wow, he's using something I put together in my mind. It's wonderful.'" MATT MOORE (AP)



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World

In Brief



French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Russia's Vladimir Putin shake Tuesday.

NOVO-OGARYOVO, RUSSIA Sarkozy, Putin Bridge Gaps On Iran Nuclear Standoff

French President Nicolas Sarkozy said after talks Tuesday with Russian President Vladimir Putin that the two countries had bridged some of their differences on the Iran nuclear standoff. Sarkozy has taken a firm line on Iran in recent months, shifting closer to the United States in his insistence on tough U.N. Security Council sanctions and even his mention of the possibility of war. "Our positions moved much closer together" on Iran and other sensitive subjects, Sarkozy told reporters during his first presidential visit to Russia. (AP)

JERUSALEM Police Query Olmert About Controversial Sale of Bank

Israeli police questioned Prime Minister Ehud Olmert for five hours Tuesday as part of an investigation into whether he interfered in the sale of the country's second-largest bank. Though not a surprise, the timing of the questioning was a fresh setback for the Israeli leader whose popularity was starting to revive from criticism over last year's inconclusive war in Lebanon. (AP)

YANGON, MYANMAR Opposition Leader Rejects Conditions for Junta Talks

The party of democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi called Tuesday for talks with Myanmar's military regime following a bloody crackdown on anti-government protesters, but it urged the junta not to set conditions for any meetings. (AP)

Clashes Leave 250 Dead in Pakistan

Bombing near bazaar adds to worst stretch of violence since 2001

MIRAN SHAH, PAKISTAN | Pakistani aircraft bombed a village bazaar packed with shoppers near the Afghan border Tuesday, pushing the death toll to 250 in four days of fighting — the deadliest clashes since Pakistan threw its support behind the U.S.-led war on terror in 2001.

The attack on Epi village in North Waziristan tribal region killed dozens of militants and civilians — deaths that are likely to harden domestic opposition to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's alliance with Washington.

The bazaar was crowded with people buying food to break their daylong Ramadan fast when it was rocked by a dozen explosions



Injured children are admitted to a hospital in Pakistan following a bombing Tuesday.

Pakistan Woes | A History of Violence

Oct. 2003 Army kills 12 al-Qaeda members and arrests 18 others.	Jan. 2006 17 are killed in purported CIA strike targeting Ayman al-Zawahri.	March 2006 100 are killed in clashes between army and pro-Taliban forces.	July 2007 An 8-day siege of the Red Mosque in Islamabad kills 102.	Oct. 2007 250 are killed in a 4-day period after a strike in North Waziristan.
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Trucks carry tanks toward Sirnak near the Turkish-Iraq border on Tuesday.

Turks Seek OK To Attack Kurds

SIRNAK, TURKEY | The Turkish government has decided to seek parliamentary authorization for a cross-border military operation in northern Iraq to chase separatist Kurdish rebels there, a party official said Tuesday.

The decision, which follows deadly attacks on soldiers in recent days that outraged the public, came in a meeting between Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and officials from his ruling party, said a party official who was at the meeting. It was not clear when the bill would go before parliament, but the government wanted it to pass "as soon as possible," the official said. (AP)

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Money

Heating Costs Set to Rise

Energy Department
expects higher bills,
warmer temperatures

NEW YORK | Almost all Americans
will pay a lot more to heat their
homes this winter, even though
temperatures are expected to be
warmer than average.

That's the sobering message from
an Energy Department report Tues-
day that estimates heating oil costs
are likely to jump 22 percent and
natural gas bills, on average, will
rise 10 percent between October
and March.

And while the National Oceanic
and Atmospheric Administration
forecast a milder-than-average
winter in most parts of the coun-
try, the agency also predicted Tues-
day that temperatures will be 1.3
percent colder than last year.

In Massachusetts, where about
40 percent of homeowners rely on
oil for heat, consumers are bracing
for price spikes, said Michael Fer-
rante, president of the Massachu-



STEVEN SENNE/AP

A technician works on a furnace. This winter, heating costs are expected to soar.

setts Oilheat Council, a trade group.
"They are buttoning up their houses
even more, they are turning down
their thermostats, they are wear-
ing sweaters," he said.

Surging crude oil prices are the
primary, but not the only, culprit for
the jump in fuel oil costs. This spring
and summer, American refineries
experienced an unusual number of

unexpected maintenance outages.
The net result was that fewer refin-
eries were producing gasoline, heating
oil and other petroleum products.

The outages sent gasoline pric-
es to a record \$3.227 per gallon in
late May as refiners scrambled to
produce enough gasoline to meet
peak summer driving demand.

JOHN WILEN (AP)

Pot Pies May Be Linked to Salmonella

OMAHA, NEB. | ConAgra Foods
Inc. voluntarily stopped produc-
tion Tuesday at the Missouri plant
that makes its Banquet pot pies

after health officials said the pies
may be linked to 139 cases of sal-
monella in 30 states.

ConAgra maintains that its pies

are safe if they're cooked properly, but
the U.S. Department of Agriculture
issued a health alert Tuesday after-
noon to warn consumers about the
link between the company's product
and the salmonella cases. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
QiaoXMob n	11.75	+1.45	+14.1
APT Sat	3.78	+42	+12.5
MasseyEn	25.31	+2.60	+11.4
MolCoor A s	55.00	+5.60	+11.3
MolCoor B s	56.15	+5.32	+10.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OxfordInds	28.40	-7.85	-21.7
Vonage	2.19	-.38	-14.8
Tween	30.69	-2.98	-9.7
Thornbg	12.29	-1.17	-9.5
CollectvBrd	21.05	-1.30	-6.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AltairNano	4.53	+1.08	+23.8
XATA	3.82	+77	+20.2
UTStrom	4.99	+95	+19.0
ChinaSun n	12.17	+2.09	+17.2
Iomai	1.96	+02	+1.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
KellySB	21.51	-5.90	-27.4
Perficient	20.69	-3.50	-16.9
InPhonic	2.17	-.34	-15.6
Microchp	31.98	-4.64	-14.5
Atari rslf	2.30	-.29	-12.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Fed Funds close	4.84	4.81
3-month disc	3.92	3.86
2-year	4.11	3.96
10-year	4.64	4.52
30-year	4.86	4.77

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4913	.4914	.5355
Canadian Dollar	.9833	.9869	1.1232
European Euro	.7093	.7119	.7933
Japanese Yen	117.19	117.36	119.12
Mexican Peso	10.8224	10.8525	11.0855
Taiwanese Dollar	32.70	32.69	33.13

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	30.73	-.12	-1.4
ClearChan	37.28	+.08	+4.9
Comcast s	23.90	+.10	-15.3
Comc sp s	23.74	+.13	-15.0
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CALL THE SCARECROW: A brain was found in a bag near a Richmond, Va., apartment complex Tuesday morning. The state medical examiner's office is still trying to determine whether the organ belonged to a human or an animal.

Local

Bill Denying Aid to Illegals Is Killed

Frederick County votes not to crack down on immigrant services

Frederick County commissioners voted Tuesday to kill a proposal that would have denied public services, including schooling, to immigrants in the United States illegally.

In a 3-2 vote, the commissioners decided not to follow the lead of Prince William and Loudoun counties in cracking down on illegal immigrants by denying them

access to some services.

But the Frederick board unanimously approved resolutions to the state legislature and to Congress calling on federal lawmakers to address immigration policies. The resolutions state that the influx of immigrants has divided Frederick and is taxing the local government, whose costs for Spanish-language interpreters and other services are rising.

"I think these resolutions are a more positive way to deal with what we've heard so far rather



Jenkins



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than advance efforts to deny services, which I think is a very negative approach," Commissioners President Jan H. Gardner said in the meeting.

Commissioner Charles A. Jen-

kins, who authored the proposal to deny services, pleaded with his colleagues to support it to make a statement about illegal immigration.

"If we don't do something and set a different course, we're going to continue to have the status quo go on and on," Jenkins said.

Opponents and supporters agreed that the proposal would stand little chance at the 2008 Maryland General Assembly before the state's liberal legislature.

PHILIP RUCKER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

GOP: Kaine Overplayed Bad Budget

RICHMOND, VA. | House Republican leaders are accusing Gov. Tim Kaine of exaggerating the state's budget woes and scaring the public for political ends.

With the election for all 140 General Assembly seats one month away, the partisan claims and counterclaims took on a more urgent tone Tuesday. Republican House Speaker Bill Howell and others said they found \$170 million dollars the Democratic governor missed.

Howell said Kaine needlessly scared people with the prospect of cutting mental health services and home-delivered meals for the disabled and elderly if lawmakers don't tap the state's rainy day reserve fund. Kaine spokeswoman Delacey Skinner says the Republicans didn't listen when Kaine disclosed his own savings this month. (AP)

WASHINGTON | CABBIES RALLY FOR GPS METERS



ZONE BLITZ: Abdulwahab M. Abdulwahab of Alexandria, left, tries to encourage other cabbies driving by to come and join the rally urging Mayor Adrian Fenty to approve GPS-based zoned meters at Freedom Plaza Tuesday. James Song of Burtonsville, a cabdriver for 24 years, holds the yellow sign.

Civil Unions Gain Support in Md.

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gay marriage may not be in Maryland's immediate future, but same-sex civil unions could be.

Another top official said Tuesday that he supported civil unions, three weeks after the state's highest court punted the gay marriage question to the legislature. "I believe in civil

unions," Democratic House Speaker Michael Busch said. "I think people should have the same rights as far as probate is concerned, as far as health care is considered, as far as visitation and all those things."

Busch's comments come after Gov. Martin O'Malley said he would support civil unions. (AP)

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Match 5 (Mon.) **7-20-23-30-39 Bonus: 3**

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.) **1-7-2**
Mid-day Pick 4 **9-6-8-5**
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.) **1-2-7-5**
Mid-day Cash 5 **5-25-29-30-31**
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Travel

Pumpkin Projectiles

Annual gourd launch attracts thousands to an autumn festival

FESTIVALS | What can you do with pumpkins? The list is not all that long. You can make pumpkin pies and breads, carve jack-o'-lanterns or use them to decorate your porch.

Or you can send them hurling into the autumn sky at 400 mph with a 30,000-pound cannon.

It's pumpkin-chucking season!

The World Championship Punkin Chunkin contest takes place Nov. 2 through 4 in Bridgeville, Del., about 90 miles from Washington. The event began in 1986 and bills itself as the oldest and largest competition of its type. Last year, more than 50,000 spectators turned out to watch 100 teams compete, organizers said.

Launching machines at the Delaware event will include air compressors, catapults, centrifugal machines that spin the pumpkins before hurling them, and trebuchets. (The trebuchet design dates to the Middle Ages, using a counterweight



DON'T ASK: Jeff Webb ties a chicken foot to the end of the "Little Blasters" canon before last year's World Championship Punkin Chunkin contest in Bridgeville, Del.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE Here's a look at other popular places to chuck pumpkins:

- The Morton Pumpkin Chuckin' contest takes place Oct. 20 and 21 in Morton, Ill., where 85 percent of the world's canned pumpkin is manufactured.
- Clark's Elioak Farm in Ellicott City, Md., will host a pumpkin chucking event Nov. 3 and 4.

to power its missile.) There is also a "theatrical" category, in which the rules state that "distance is not the goal; ability to ham it up is the goal."

The contest's record for distance was set in 2003, when a pumpkin went 4,434 feet.

"People start out thinking they have to see some idiot who's built a machine to throw a pumpkin a mile," said Frank Shade, president of the World Championship Punkin Chunkin Association. "Then, after spending a weekend grilling and cooking out with 70,000 of their newest best friends, they find out this is really a good time." (AP)

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"It's difficult to prove if someone has tanked a match or not tried. ... It's pretty disappointing for all the players, but everyone knows it goes on."

— Tennis player Andy Murray on match-fixing, which the top tennis committees are banding together to stop.



Sports



Jose Valverde and Chris Snyder celebrate after beating the Cubs last week.

Snyder Is Arizona's Best Catch

D'backs have the NL's best record thanks to the 26-year-old catcher

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | Chris Snyder was picking out a train set for his son at a toy store when a fan walked up and wished him luck.

It doesn't happen all that often. Snyder is something of an unknown even though he's the starting catcher on the team with the best record in the NL.

"It's fun just to know that our city is into it," Snyder said.

Snyder, 26, might not get much attention. But he's one of the reasons the Diamondbacks are in the NL championship series, which opens Thursday night against Colorado.

"He's the best guy I've ever thrown to receiving-wise, and I don't know where I'd be without him for sure because he's helped me out a lot this year," said Brandon Webb, the NL's reigning Cy Young Award winner.

The Diamondbacks' staff had a 3.73 ERA when Snyder was behind the plate, the fourth lowest by a catcher in the majors this season. Arizona went 65-41 with Snyder behind the plate and 25-31 without him.

Snyder had one error and nine passed balls in 106 games.

Webb said Snyder "has been a guy that I could count on to be prepared every day. He definitely does his homework, not only for me, for everybody that he coaches."

ANDREW BAGNATO (AP)

Torre Awaits Word From the Boss

Yankees' loss in ALDS could be the last for the 12-year manager

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | Tick tick, tick tock.

The wait is on for Joe Torre and his Yankees players, a fiercely loyal bunch.

Nearly everyone in New York wanted to know Tuesday whether owner George Steinbrenner will keep his longtime manager or let him go after 12 straight playoff appearances.

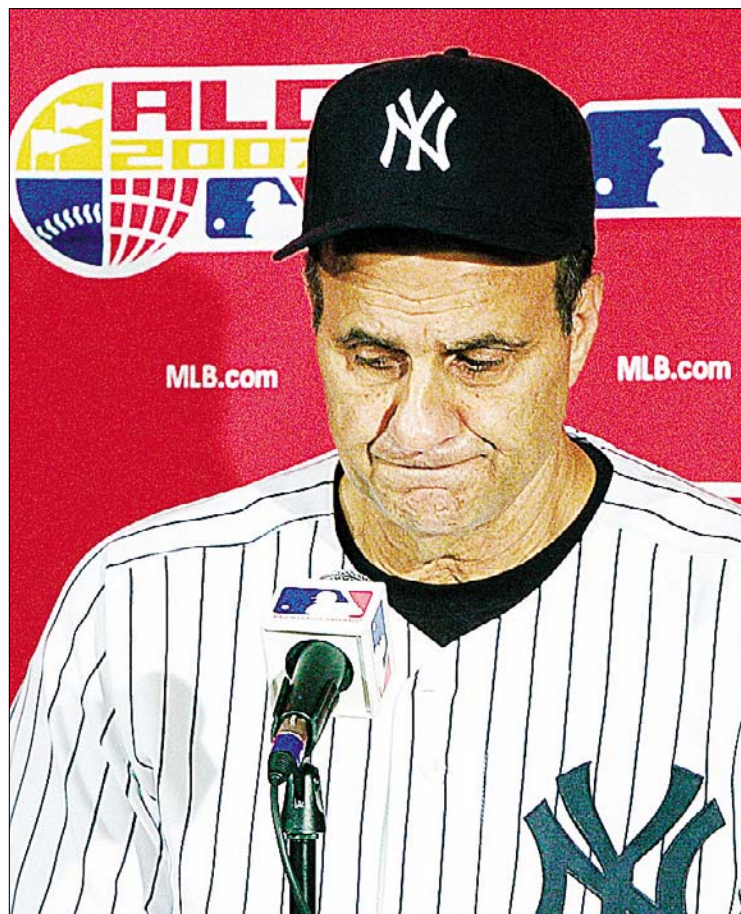
No answers yet.

"Have some patience. Things take time. There will be a process and we'll work through that, and it will lead us where it leads us," general manager Brian Cashman said. "My speculation is I'm not going to have anything to report in the next couple of days."

Few players were at Yankee Stadium a day after their season-ending 6-4 loss to Cleveland, the third straight year New York was eliminated in the first round.

But folks everywhere chimed in and backed Torre, from rival AL managers Terry Francona and Eric Wedge to presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

"It's like following John Wooden



Joe Torre addresses the media after Monday night's loss to the Indians. Torre, who won four World Series titles in his first five years in New York, hasn't won one since.

or something," said Don Mattingly, who has been mentioned as a possible replacement, along with Joe Girardi and Tony La Russa. "This

guy wins championship after championship and we're in the playoffs in every year. You know, it's really — it's pretty much a no-win situ-

TORRE'S RECORD

Hank Steinbrenner said, "The record speaks for itself, but nothing lasts forever." Here's a look at Joe Torre's record:

- He led New York to four World Series titles between 1996 and 2000, but hasn't won one since.
- The Yankees have made the playoffs in each of his 12 seasons.
- He is second to Joe McCarthy on the club's career wins list with a 1,173-767 regular-season record.
- In the postseason, Torre's Yankees are 76-47.
- He earned \$7.5 million this year, the last year of his contract.

ation for someone coming in here to be able to live up to the expectations or live up to what he did. It's not going to happen."

Steinbrenner said last weekend he didn't think he'd bring Torre back unless New York rallied to win the first-round series. The 77-year-old owner has not spoken publicly since the Game 4 defeat.

"This has been a great 12 years. Whatever the hell happens from here on out, I'll look back on these 12 years with great, great pleasure," Torre said Monday night. "The 12 years just felt like they were 10 minutes long, to be honest with you."

MIKE FITZPATRICK (AP)

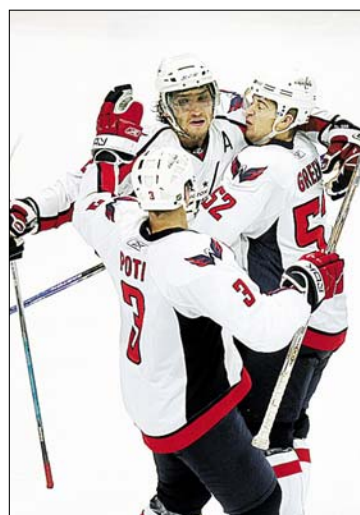
They've Got That Winning Feeling

At 3-0, the Capitals have high hopes for the rest of the season

CAPITALS | Alex Ovechkin is as enthusiastic as they come, whether the topic is scoring goals or his fancy car or his new gap-toothed smile. Still, it's striking to hear the star left wing discuss the Washington Capitals' strong start.

"For us right now," Ovechkin was saying the other day, "every game is like the playoffs."

Pssst, Alex. A friendly reminder: This is hardly the stretch drive. It's October. Oh, and another thing: Your team is 3-0. The NHL's regu-



The Capitals are in high spirits after winning their first three games this year.

lar season lasts 82 games.

Then again, five teams began last season with that record, and all reached the playoffs. Washington has started this well only three times in franchise history — and qualified for the postseason each time.

"We want to make the playoffs. We want to win," Ovechkin continued. "This is the big difference from last year to this year."

Capitals coach Glen Hanlon does not begrudge Ovechkin's playoff talk one bit. Washington hasn't reached the postseason since 2002-03, and it finished 27th of 30 teams in each of Ovechkin's first two seasons.

In other words, the excitement is overdue.

"He likely feels like the rest of the players: There's something special that's starting to build here," Hanlon said. "We all have spent a couple of years here where we've worked extremely hard to keep our heads above water. And he can see sort of some fruits for his labors, and he's having fun with it."

Ovechkin's hardly the only one.

Kolzig peppers his sentences with references to the playoffs. So does captain Chris Clark. Team owner Ted Leonsis, too.

"We have some added firepower we got over the summer," Clark said. "And we want to show other teams as well as ourselves that we are a playoff-caliber team."

See? There's that word again.

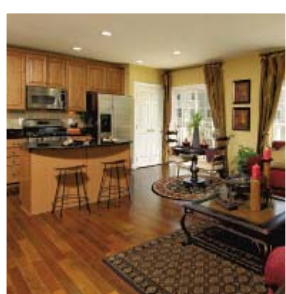
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Sports

Patriots Face Tough Road

New England heads to Dallas Sunday for its biggest test of the year

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Unbeaten against unimpressive opponents, New England has a much tougher road as it prepares for Sunday's game in Dallas.

Tom Brady versus Tony Romo. Randy Moss versus Terrell Owens. One high-scoring offense against another.

That should be a much better gauge of how good the Patriots are than their previous five wins — all against teams with losing records.

But Ellis Hobbs swatted that notion away as if it were an errant pass.

"I don't think of it as a measuring stick," the Patriots cornerback said Monday. "We think of it as a big game because it's the next game. Obviously, from the record standpoint, this is the best team we've faced up to this point."

The Cowboys scored at least 34 points in each of their first four games before hitting a roadblock in Buffalo, where they eked out a 25-24 win with a recovered onside kick and a 53-yard field goal. New England has scored 38 three times and 34 twice. On Sunday, the Patriots beat Cleveland 34-17, their lowest point differential of the season.

Coach Bill Belichick was upset



The Patriots' offense has been unstoppable in week 5 — but so has the Cowboys'.

with his team's troubles converting on third downs and inside the Browns' 20-yard line.

"Let's not make it more than what it is," Hobbs said. "This isn't determining the playoffs. This is not, quote, unquote, the Super Bowl matchup or whatever. We're going into week six and this is the next game."

It's against a much tougher opponent than their first five — the New York Jets, San Diego, Buffalo, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

"We're still looking for ways to improve and see the things that we could have done better," said running back Sammy Morris, who ran for more than 100 yards for the second straight game. "What makes this [game] the most important is seeing how we — I don't want to say rebound in the sense that we played terrible, but just in the sense of how we're going to step back up."

"And, again, it happens to be Dallas." HOWARD ULMAN (AP)

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It's hard not to put Arkansas RB **Darren McFadden** at No. 1 each week. His numbers are great (779 yards, seven touchdowns), and he's incredibly explosive. **2.** RB **Mike Hart** starts to move back into the mix as Michigan starts to improve. He leads the nation with 976 rushing yards and has scored 10 TDs. **3.** Boston College QB **Matt Ryan** makes his debut on the list, thanks to another dominant performance. He has thrown for 1,857 yards and 15 TDs in the first five games of the year. **4.** If Florida had beaten LSU, you could have made an argument for QB **Tim Tebow** on top of this list. He has thrown and run for a combined 22 TDs this year. **5.** **DeSean Jackson** had the week off, but no one forgot how dominant the Cal wide receiver can be. His real tests will come in the next few weeks. (EXPRESS)



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REVIVAL | For model year 2008, Buick has given the boot to the lustily loathed Rendezvous crossover, Rainier SUV and Terraza minivan and supplanted them all with the Enclave, which underscores its all-things-to-all-people mission statement.

The Enclave — a full-size luxury crossover — also carries the freight of reviving Buick as a premium brand, on par with Lexus and Acura.

To that end, the Enclave's spacious interior gleams with upscale polish and sham-glam details, such as the Deco-style Lucite cover on the gearshift indicator; the brightwork bezels around gauges, switches and air vents; the miles of French stitching on the optional leather; and extravagant use of imitation wood.

On the outside, the Enclave subscribes to the squirrel school of design, in that it's fascinated with bright, shiny objects.

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can't-miss-it audacity of the waterfall grille, which may remind you of a pool-skimmer.

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They have roped the fenders in large, muscular swells and lowered the hood line to give the Enclave a forward-leaning energy. I would not call it beautiful, but I think it has enough reckless dynamism to be at least interesting. Ten years from now, we'll look at the Enclave and wonder what they were smoking, but for now, fine.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Entertainment

First Lady of Funny

A chick makes us laugh on 'The Sarah Silverman Program'

CHUCKLES | Sarah Silverman is answering a reporter's question during lunch at an open-air restaurant when a car alarm goes off. She persists a few moments as the car horn throbs. Then, in an exaggerated whisper, she pretends to shout an ultimatum at the horn: "Shut! Up!!!"

An instant later, the horn stops.

"Wow!" giggles Silverman, pleased with her masquerade of power.

Of course, the character she plays on "The Sarah Silverman Program" would have wasted no time taking direct action. On last week's season premiere of the Comedy Central series (airing 10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays), the conveniently named Sarah was rudely awakened by Sunday morning church bells. She was plenty steamed.

Still in her pajamas, she barged into the sanctuary where the service was in progress, and gave the congregation hell.

"Who are you people praying to: Jesus of Noise-rith?" she screeched.

From there, the twisted nar-



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rative somehow whisked Sarah into the arms of anti-abortion activists.

Thus does the series (which Silverman co-writes and co-produces, as well as stars in) channel the same shrewd, often shocking, wrongness that fuels her stand-up act.

Like Stand-Up Sarah has always done, TV-Series Sarah keeps the audience on edge by being cute, obnoxious and depraved.

Aimless in the town of Valley Village, she is looked after by her sister (played by Silverman's real-life sister, Laura), her gay-couple neigh-

bors (Brian Posehn and Steve Agee) and Laura's dimwitted policeman beau (Jay Johnston). Rounding out the support system: Doug, a Chihuahua-pug mix played by Duck, Silverman's real-life pooch (and, oddly, the show's only character with a made-up name).

Tonight's episode centers on Doug, whose zesty displays of personal hygiene (or is it more than that?) become a source of fascination for Sarah. She gets a little too close to the subject. Then she gets busted.

Maybe somewhere in this tale is an exploration of what is, and isn't, a sexual offense.

"I'm not a monster!" argues Sarah when she pleads her case in court. "I'm just a curious eccentric."

Welcome to another day in comedy for Silverman, who, on other days, has tapped how-dare-she topics like AIDS, Sept. 11, rape, the Holocaust, even the children of Britney Spears (whom she christened "adorable mistakes" while hosting the MTV Video Music Awards last month).

All this from someone whose worldview holds that "everything constantly moves in a circle. So, when it's good, it's good, and when it's bad, it's about to be good. I'm an optimist that way." **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**



The former child crooner has matured stylistically and as a songwriter.

She's All Grown Up

LeAnn Rimes proves herself thoughtful and versatile as an adult

MUSIC | With "Family," LeAnn Rimes matures from a performer into an artist. Not only does this album triumphantly celebrate the difference between a great voice and a great vocalist, the 25-year-old former child star also shows she's grown into a good songwriter, one brave enough to tell the truth and clever enough

to make it entertaining.

Co-writing everything but the two bonus cuts — previously released duets with Reba McEntire and Bon Jovi — her songs focus on relationships. Some are about a woman and her lover, but others probe the complexities of the bond between an adult and her parents. The most striking cut is the sensitive ballad, "What I Can Not Change," featuring the most emotionally raw yet nuanced vocals of Rimes' career.

In it, Rimes doesn't fall into the

Nashville trait of painting her parents as hardworking and self-sacrificing; her warts-and-all portrayal of those she loves makes her prideful declaration, "I make no apologies, this is my family," ring true.

Rimes occasionally sidesteps her theme, as on "Nothing Wrong," a funky, playfully seductive duet with Louisiana soul man Marc Broussard. But even her departures add up to the same conclusion: Rimes has arrived a full-grown, creatively vibrant artist. **MICHAEL MCCALL (AP)**



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THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (1155 230) 510 750 1025
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (240) 505 1005
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 715
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (120) 715
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 250) 520 800 1035
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (130) 445 745 1030

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (300 520) 740 1000
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (220 450) 720 950
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (125 400) 635 910
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (100 140 350 430) 650 730 930 1010
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (120 340 440) 700 800 1020
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (230 505) 750 1030
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (150 500) 810
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) - ID REQ'D (410) 1005
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (330) 640 940
SUPERBAD (R) - ID REQ'D (155 445) 735 1025
HAIRSPRAY (PG) (115) 710

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 200 345 445) 700
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (245 545) 815 1030
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (130 445) 715 945
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (145 230 415 500) 715 745 1000 1045
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (130 215 430 530) 730 815 1000 1050
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 700 945
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (105 315 530) 800 1040
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (100 345) 645 1015
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (145 430) 745 1030
MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) (245 515) 730 945
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13) (115 330) 615 830 1050

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (200 420) 700 930
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (230 510) 745 1020
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (215 445) 715 940
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (210 430) 700 930
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (220 450) 730 1010
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) (200 430)
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 300 530) 800
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 245 515) 745 1000
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 300 530) 800 1020
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (715 1000)
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (215 450) 730 1010

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (120 150 415 445) 710
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (1240 305 530) 805 1030
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (250 520) 750 1020
GAME PLAN - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) (420) 1000
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (100 350) 650 930
OC: THE GAME PLAN (PG) (130) 720
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (110 140 400 430) 700 730 945 1015
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 310 535) 800
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (240 515) 810
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (200 505) 810
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (300 540) 815
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (210 510) 820
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (1240 340) 640 940
SUPERBAD (R) - ID REQ'D (225 525) 825
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (1250 345) 630 920

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (145 400) 645 910
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (100 325 550) 820 1035
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1150 1255 235 345 535)
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (715 1005)
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1230 130 320 420) 620 710 900 950
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 1250 150 250 340 440 540)
OC: RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1240) 755
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) (110 425) 705 945
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (310 545) 1010
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 200 450) 750 1020
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (1210 315) 625 930
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (1155 240 520) 800 1035
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 330) 640 940
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (115 410) 720 1020
MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) (1215 245 530) 810 1030
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (120 415) 700 1000
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (110 350) 650 955

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (145 445) 745 1010
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (100 315 530) 800 1015
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 130 400 430) 700
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1245 345) 645 930
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 715 940
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (215 515) 815 1035
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (200 500) 800 1025
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (100 400) 700 955
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (755 1030)
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) (110 410)
GAME PLAN - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) (130) 730
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415 445) 745 950 1020

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 130 300 430) 710 840 1010
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1215 1245 255 330) 700
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (1200 220 440) 720 950
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1210 1250 245 320) 645 735 915 1005
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 1255 250 325) 650 725 920 955
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (1240 340) 740 1000
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 230 445) 715
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 310 530) 750 1015
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (1205 305) 640 935
MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) (1225 235 445) 655 905
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (100 345) 705 945

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (200 420) 750 1005
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 140 350 430) 650
GAME PLAN - DIGITAL PROJECTION (PG) (730 940 1020)
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (150 440) 740 1010
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (345) 920
INTO THE WILD (R) - ID REQ'D (110 400) 700 930
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (145 410) 720 1000
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) (120 435) 800
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (130 405) 710 950
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (125) 705
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (645 945)

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (115 215 415 515) 715
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (800 1015 1045)
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (130 430) 730 1010
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (140 420) 720 1000
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (115 200 415 500) 715 800 1000 1040
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (130 215 430 515) 730 815 1015 1045
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (1020 PM)
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13) (145 440) 740
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (500) 1030
OC: RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (200) 745
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (140 440) 745 1020
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (100 410) 720 1030
THE BRAVE ONE (R) - ID REQ'D (120 410) 700 950
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (100 400) 700 950

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13) (230 515) 800 1010
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (145 430) 715 1000
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 145 345 445) 715
FEAST OF LOVE (R) - ID REQ'D (100) 730
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (130 215 415 515) 700 745 945 1020
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (130 215 415 500) 645 800 915 1030
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (200 500) 730 1020
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (505) 1040
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) - ID REQ'D (445) 1010
EASTERN PROMISES (R) - ID REQ'D (200 430) 700 930
3:10 TO YUMA (R) - ID REQ'D (115 400) 645 930
OC: RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (230) 815

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. Tix on Sale WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) - ID REQ'D ★
Adv. Tix on Sale TYLER PERRY'S: WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG-13) ★
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 130 300 430) 710 840 1010
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1215 1245 255 330) 700
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) (1200 220 440) 720 950
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (1210 1250 245 320) 645 735 915 1005
THE KINGDOM (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 1255 250 325) 650 725 920 955
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13) (1240 340) 740 1000
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 230 445) 715
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) - ID REQ'D (1230 310 530) 750 1015
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) (1205 305) 640 935
MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13) (1225 235 445) 655 905
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13) (100 345) 705 945

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) 1:05, 2:00, 3:40, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) 1:20, 3:00, 4:20, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:10
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 1:10, 4:05, 7:25, 10:15
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:20, 5:20, 8:20
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:00, 4:50, 5:40, 6:50, 7:50, 8:40, 9:50, 10:40
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:50
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 1:30, 2:50, 4:10, 6:40, 8:30, 9:20
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) 1:55, 4:45
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:15
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:55, 8:50
SUPERBAD (R) 5:30

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 2:05, 5:15, 8:25
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:15, 4:30, 8:05, 9:30
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) 5:50
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:30, 5:10, 7:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:30
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 4:20, 7:10
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 4:10, 6:50

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EASTERN PROMISES (R) 3:10, 5:40, 8:10

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) 12:15, 1:00, 2:25, 3:25, 4:35, 5:35, 6:50, 7:50, 9:20, 10:20
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) 1:35, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:25, 2:20, 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 12:25, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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FEAST OF LOVE (R) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30
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THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:10
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:10
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) 2:00, 7:00
IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON (PG) 4:20
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:50

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:55, 4:20, 7:05
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15

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THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 1:40, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:30, 2:50, 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:20, 9:45
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 1:25, 3:50, 6:30, 8:50
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 1:45, 4:10, 6:20, 8:40
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:40, 7:50

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THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 5:25, 10:20

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ 5:10, 7:50
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 4:45, 7:15
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 4:30, 7:10
THE KINGDOM (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 5:15, 7:40
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:30, 4:40, 7:30
DRAGON WARS (PG13) 5:30, 8:00
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 4:40, 7:30

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

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THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:05, 6:10, 8:25, 10:35
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 3:50, 9:35
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:50, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50
THE KINGDOM (R) 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:35
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 4:50, 10:25
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 1:15, 3:20, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:05, 7:40
SUPERBAD (R) 10:15 PM

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 3:35, 6:45, 9:55
INTO THE WILD (R) ✓ 3:30, 7:05, 10:20
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) 1:00, 6:40
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 1:35, 3:55, 6:15, 8:20, 10:30

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:45
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:05, 5:00, 7:00, 10:00
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 2:30, 7:45
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:05
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 4:20, 10:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
THE KINGDOM (R) 2:50, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:30, 10:20
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 2:20
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 1:40, 7:10

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:25
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) ✓ 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:55

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 3:50, 4:50, 6:25, 7:25, 9:00, 10:00
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 5:10, 10:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:00, 3:35, 6:20, 9:05
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:20, 2:25, 4:00, 5:05, 6:50, 7:45, 9:35, 10:20
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:10
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) 1:45, 4:25
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:20, 7:40
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) 2:10, 7:35, 9:50

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 1:10, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) 4:40
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 9:55 PM

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:25, 2:55, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:10, 9:35, 10:40
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30
FEAST OF LOVE (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:30, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7:15, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:05, 10:45
SUPERBAD (R) 10:10 PM

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FEAST OF LOVE (R) 2:20, 4:40
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 2:50, 5:10, 7:40
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 5:20, 8:00
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HIS NAME IS KID! And he's back with his ear-bursting blend of almost everything.

A Kid Straight Out the Trailer

A genre-defying artist stays true to his roots on a twangy release

BAWITDABA | Kid Rock has sold 20 million albums but he still mystifies a lot of people. Who is this guy? What is this guy? Is he a white rapper, an arena-rock hero or an outlaw country star? We can make it simple: Kid Rock is the muscle car of American music.

Like a Dodge Charger, he was bolted together in Michigan, with a suspension for the '70s and pride in his excessive consumption. He also looks perfectly natural tearing out of an Alabama roadhouse or idling in front of an L.A. strip club. At any given moment, there's a good chance Lynyrd Skynyrd or Bob Seger is rocking in his 8-track mind.

Those classic-rock influences have never been clearer in Kid's music than they are in his new album, "Rock N Roll Jesus," which arrived Tuesday and finds the rapper living up to his old boast: "I ain't straight outta Compton, I'm straight out the trailer." The 36-year-old, sitting recently in a studio at the Capitol Records Tower, chuckled when asked about his affinity for pulling

on three genres and creating music that manages to have clang, twang and scratch.

"I've never pigeonholed myself. I've loved all music, all genres, from rock to rap to Motown. It's what I loved as a kid, and it's in my music now," he said. "And I'm more comfortable in my own skin than I have ever been in my whole life. I feel like the stars are aligned right now. I feel stronger than ever. Musically, I'm going to new levels."

If so, it might be due to the presence of two top producers. The album was produced by Rob Cavallo, who has guided Green Day throughout its career and most recently helped the trio deliver "American Idiot," the group's punk-pop masterpiece. Then there's Rick Rubin, the guru to the late Johnny Cash, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Beastie Boys and Neil Diamond who challenged Kid to write something more than a lap-dance soundtrack.

"He basically told me that he had been listening to me my whole career and that he thought I had something more in me, something relevant," Kid said. "I thought: 'I'll show him.'" **GEOFF BOUCHER** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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THE OFFICE: HBO is developing “Intelligence,” a workplace comedy series starring Bradley Cooper, pictured, and Patton Oswalt. The story revolves around members of an elite counterintelligence unit who pose as disgruntled civil servants.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

GHOST WHISPERING

PUSHING DAISIES (8 p.m., ABC).

SUPER NANNY

Jaime does some high-powered baby-sitting on **BIONIC WOMAN** (9 p.m., NBC).

THE FORGIVING TYPE

The husband of a carjacking fatality seems too cozy with the lead suspect on **LIFE** (10 p.m., NBC).

CUDDLY CREATURES

TABOO: PETS (10 p.m., National Geographic) looks at owners who have filled their homes with hundreds of snakes.

PROTECT AND SERVE THE RICH

Nick (Peter Krause) works overtime to keep the frisky behavior of the Darling family out of the headlines on **DIRTY SEXY**



PARTNERSHIP: Damian Lewis and Sarah Shahi star in "Life" on NBC.

MONEY (10 p.m., ABC).

LIKE. SERIOUSLY?

The eight-episode series **PAGEANT PLACE** (10:30 p.m., MTV) follows three pageant winners as they reign and live together for one year in a New York City high-rise apartment. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Reign of Terror

A disturbing period in D.C.'s recent history is revisited on CNN

MURDER | “Special Investigations: The Minds of the D.C. Snipers” (8 p.m., CNN) revisits a series of murders that were terrifying in their random brutality. For several fearful weeks during the fall of 2002, residents around the nation’s capital were fatally shot while engaged in routine daily chores.

Hosted by Soledad O'Brien, "Minds" presents, for the first time, interviews with the father and aunt of Lee Malvo, one of the



CONVICTED: Lee Malvo was one of two men found guilty in the sniper case.

D.C. snipers. We also hear from Malvo's therapist, and all three make it clear that the bright but impressionable teen was seriously abused by his mother.

Malvo wrote a letter expressing his deep contrition. He is serving a life sentence. John Allen Muhammad appears in a video statement he made from death row.

Charles A. Moose, the former Montgomery County Police Chief and the public face of the search for the killers, appears here, too. Moose took much of the heat for the mistakes made during the investigation, most notably the decision to look for a white van, when it turned out the two killers were doing their sniping from a modified Chevy sedan. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

10.10.07	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30				
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	News (N)		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N)	Bionic Woman "Sisterhood" (N)	Life "Let Her Go" (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show					
	WTTG	News (N)	TMZ (N)	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Back to You (N)	Til Death (N)	Kitchen Nightmares "Seascape" (N)	News (N)		TMZ					
	WJLA	News (N)	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Pushing Daisies "Dummy" (N)	Private Practice (N)	(:02) Dirty Sexy Money (N)	News (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)					
	WUSA	News (N)	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Kid Nation (N)	Criminal Minds "Scared to Death" (N)	CSI: NY "You Only Die Once" (N)	News (N)		Late Show					
	WDCA	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Decision House (N)	Meet My Folks "The Carlsons"	Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent						
	WMPT	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Wired Science (N)	The War "When Things Get Tough" (DVS)			Brown Is the New Green							
	WETA	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Wired Science (N)	The War "When Things Get Tough" (DVS)			Charlie Rose (N)							
	WHUT	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Andrea Bocelli: A Night in Tuscany	Voces	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)						
	WDCW	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Friends	America's Next Top Model (N)	Gossip Girl "Bad News Blair" (N)	Family Guy	Friends	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City					
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files "Cold Hit; Silent Kill"		CSI: Miami "Wet Foot/Dry Foot"		CSI: Miami "Crime Wave"		CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		The Sopranos "Sentimental Education"		(:16) The First 48				
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter		Profiles of Nature		Almighty Amphibians		Blue Planet: Seas of Life "Deep"		Animal Precinct "House of Beagles"		Profiles of Nature				
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown.			*** "Don King: Only in America" (1997) Ving Rhames, Vondie Curtis-Hall. Premiere.			American Gangster 2 "Larry Hoover"		Take the Cake (Live)						
	Bravo	Top Chef "Snacks on a Plane"		Top Chef "Manhattan Project"		Top Chef		Top Chef		Better Half "Comedians" (N)						
	Comedy	"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park	South Park (N)	S. Silverman	Daily Show	Colbert Report			
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking (N)		Forensic Files (N)	Forensic Files	LA Forensics	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect	Psychic Detect			
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	Build It Bigger Underwater tunnel. (N)		MythBusters "Mega Movie Myths"		MythBusters "Mega Movie Myths"		Cash Cab: After Dark (N)				
	DISCH	Critical Incident: Sudden Impact		Trauma: Life in the ER "Aloha Spirits"		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Plastic Surgery: Before and After		Big Medicine "The Garth Complex"		Plastic Surgery: Before and After				
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"Return to Halloweentown" (2006, Comedy) Sara Paxton, Lucas Grabeel.			That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana				
	E!	The Soup	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	The Girls Next Door Highlights.			Dr. 90210 "Freedom Riders"	Celebrity Plastic Surgery			E! News	Chelsea Lately		
	FX	* "White Noise" (2005, Suspense) Michael Keaton, Chandra West.				* "Godzilla" (1998) Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno, Maria Pitillo. A giant mutated lizard wreaks havoc in New York.				Damages "I Hate These People"						
	HGTV	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell		Get It Sold (N)	Deserving Design	Design on a Dime	House Hunters	House Worth?	Bought & Sold	What's-House?		
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita, Elisabeth Shue.				America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club					
	History	Gangland: Aryan Brotherhood		Modern Marvels: Silver Mines		Modern Marvels: The Colosseum		Lost Worlds (N)		UFO Files: Black Box UFO Secrets		The Mysteries of Devil's Triangles				
	Lifetime	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	"Live Once, Die Twice" (2006, Suspense)		Kellie Martin, Martin Cummins.		Will & Grace	Will & Grace			
	MTV	A Shot of Love With Tila Tequila		Next	Next	Next	Life of Ryan	The Hills	The Real World	The Real World	Pageant Place	A Shot of Love With Tila Tequila				
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	iCarly	Drake & Josh	Fresh Prince	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince				
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SPIKE	Star Trek: Voyager "Jetril"		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		MANswers (N)	MANswers				
TBS	MLB Baseball: American League Division Series Game 5 -- Yankees at Indians				MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 5 -- Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Boston Red Sox. (S Live)											
TLC	Property Ladder		Losing It: Tales From Fat Camp (N)		Untold Stories of the E.R.		The Boy With a New Head		Inside Brookhaven Obesity Clinic		Untold Stories of the E.R.					
TNT	Law & Order "Corruption"		Law & Order "Ritual" (DVS)		Law & Order "Home Sweet"		Law & Order "Hindsight"		Law & Order "Bounty" (DVS)		Without a Trace "Candy"					
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent					
VHI	I Love the '80s: 3D "Three Amigos."		I Love the '80s: 3D "Moonstruck"		I Love the '80s: 3D "1988"		I Love the '80s: 3D "1989"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels		Behind the Musical Kid Rock					
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			College Football Navy at Pittsburgh. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)					
	ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Football Live	The Contender	Billiards: U.S. Open 9-Ball			Billiards: U.S. Open 9-Ball			Billiards: U.S. Open 9-Ball					
	CSN	SportsNite	SportsNite	College Football Virginia at Middle Tennessee State. (Taped)				SportsNite (Live)			Washington Post Live					
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight			The Situation Room			Out in the Open			Anderson Cooper 360					
	FNC	Special Report (Live)			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith			The O'Reilly Factor (Live)			On the Record-Van Susteren			The O'Reilly Factor		
	MSNBC	Tucker			Hardball			Countdown With Keith Olbermann			Survivor Str			Vac. Nightmare	Nightmare Behind Closed Doors	
MOVIES	AMC	(4:30) *** "Scent of a Woman" (1992, Drama) Al Pacino. 'R'			*** "Lionheart" (1990, Action) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Harrison Page. 'R'			(:15) *** "Marked for Death" (1990, Action) Steven Seagal, Keith David. 'R'								
	TCM	*** "Lover Come Back" (1961) Rock Hudson, Doris Day. 'NR'			*** "Broadway Melody of 1940" (1940, Musical) Fred Astaire. 'NR'			*** "The Mating of Millie" (1948) Glenn Ford. 'NR'			Thrill of Brazil					
	HBO	(5:30) ** "The Break-Up" (2006) Vince Vaughn. 'PG-13'			Little Rock Central: 50 Years Later			Five Days (N) (Part 2 of 5)			Real Time With Bill Maher					
	MAX	(:15) *** "Poseidon" (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas. 'PG-13'			** "A Good Year" (2006) Russell Crowe. Premiere. 'PG-13'			* "Let's Go to Prison" (2006) Dax Shepard. 'R'			Bikini Pirates 'NR'					
	SHOW	** "Jiminy Glick in Lalawood" (2004) Martin Short. 'R'			* "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector" (2006)			Californication			Weeds (iTV)			Dexter "Waiting to Exhale" (iTV)	(:05:56) Brotherhood Cousin returns.	
	TMC	(5:40) ** "CrissCross" (1992) Goldie Hawn. 'R'			Filmmaker Sho.			"Give Girls" (2006) Ron Perlman. Premiere. 'NR'			(:45) "Tamara" (2005, Horror) Jenna Dewan, Matthew Marsden. 'R'			Death to Super		
	STARZ!	* 10th and Wolf (:45) ** "The Legend of Zorro" (2005, Adventure) Antonio Banderas. 'PG'			*** "Monster House" (2006) Steve Buscemi. 'PG'			(:35) *** "Stranger Than Fiction" (2006) Will Ferrell.								
ENCORE	(:15) *** "The Matador" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Pierce Brosnan. 'R'			*** "Striptease" (1996, Drama) Demi Moore, Armand Assante. 'R'			*** "12 Monkeys" (1995, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis. 'R'									

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Personal chefs give busy professionals fine cuisine at home

As lives get busier with careers, kids, commutes and other chaos, a growing number of people are turning to personal chefs to make sure that there's a hot meal on the table at the end of a long day.

Hiring a professional to cook for you isn't a whole lot different than hiring someone to clean your house or walk the dog, and it's not just for the wealthy, according to John Moore, executive director of the United States Personal Chef Association.

"It's not 'Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous,'" Moore said. "People don't have personal chefs because they have tons of money—they have them because it solves a problem.

It puts dinner on the table."

Personal chefs typically prepare several days' worth of customized meals in advance, potentially for several clients. The meals are prepared and packaged, ready to be popped in an oven or microwave whenever a client wants to eat.

Total costs usually range between \$15 and \$20 per person per meal, depending on the kind of food prepared and other related costs. That's not much different from a meal at a restaurant, Moore said.

"Except that people don't have to go out, pay for parking or leave a tip," Moore said. "And they get to eat a meal that was custom-made just for them."

Mark Tafoya, who owns the New York-based ReMARKable Palate personal chef service, cooks for regular weekly clients and also offers one-time meal services, such as romantic dinners for two.

Tafoya prepares the meals in

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HOME COOKING: Personal chef Mark Tafoya cooks at a private New York residence.

the client's home, with the dishes ranging from chicken enchiladas with a green tomatillo sauce to crab lasagna with bechamel sauce.

Tafoya said his typical weekly

clients are incredibly busy, career-oriented people.

"They might not be working 12-hour days; they might be working eight-hour days with kids, and they still have to take them

to band practice, soccer and ballet, and they might have elderly parents they have to take care of, too," he said.

Tafoya has cooked for Beth Dominguez's family of five—including three children ages 9 to 15 years old—for about a year.

"He suggests new ingredients and helps us pick dishes that we haven't had before," Dominguez said. "He'll also make suggestions

“People don't have personal chefs because they have tons of money. ... It puts dinner on the table.”

JOHN MOORE, PERSONAL CHEF ASSOC.

about what's fresh and in season at the market, which I would never have time to do."

Though first popular in major metropolitan areas, the personal chef industry has spread across the country over the 16 years that Moore's Rio Rancho, N.M.-based association has existed.

Now personal chefs can be found in places as far-flung as Farmington, N.M., and Iowa City, Iowa, Moore said.

"We've found that wherever there's a working professional, there's a need for personal chef," Moore said. BREE FOWLER (AP)

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Business

For the first time in 15 years, Taco Bell opens shop in Mexico

It sounds like a fast-food grudge match: Taco Bell is taking on the homeland of its namesake by opening in Mexico for the first time in 15 years.

Defenders of Mexican culture see the chain's re-entry as a crowning insult to a society already overrun by U.S. chains such as Starbucks, Subway and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

"It's like bringing ice to the Arctic," complained pop culture historian Carlos Monsivais.

The company's branding strategy — "Taco Bell is something else" — is an attempt to distance itself from any comparison to Mexico's beloved taquerias, which sell traditional corn tortillas stuffed with an endless variety of fillings, from spicy beef to corn fungus and cow eyes.



Taco Bell is looking to make inroads in Mexico with this restaurant in Apodaca.

Taco Bell, a unit of Louisville, Ky.-based Yum Brands Inc., made its name promoting its menu to Americans as something straight

out of Mexico. But it's a very different dynamic south of the border.

Here, the company is projecting a more "American" fast-food image

Taco Bell has taken pains in Mexico to say that it's not trying to masquerade as a tradition.

by adding french fries to the menu at its first store, which opened in late September in the northern city of Monterrey.

Some of the names have been changed to protect the sacred. The hard-shelled items sold as "tacos" in the U.S. have been renamed "tostadas." The made-up word is a play on "tostada," which for Mexicans is a hard, fried disk of cornmeal that is always served flat, with toppings.

Taco Bell has taken pains to say that it's not trying to masquerade as a Mexican tradition.

"One look alone is enough to tell that Taco Bell is not a 'taqueria,'"

the company said in a newspaper ad. "It is a new fast-food alternative that does not pretend to be Mexican food."

Taco Bell failed with an earlier, highly publicized launch in Mexico City in 1992, when it opened a few outlets next to KFC restaurants.

But Mexicans were less familiar with foreign chains back then, and the economy was on the verge of a crisis. Since then, free trade and growing migration have made U.S. brands ubiquitous in Mexico, influencing everything from how people dress to how they talk.

"Taco Bell wants to take advantage of the perception that if something comes from the United States, it tastes better — that a country that has been Americanized is willing to Americanize food that is central to its cuisine," Monsivais said.

On a recent weekday afternoon, about 20 customers were eating at the first Taco Bell store, picking from a menu offering tacos for just over \$1 and a grilled beef burrito for about \$5.70. That's in line with prices at other fast-food outlets in the area, but some customers weren't impressed.

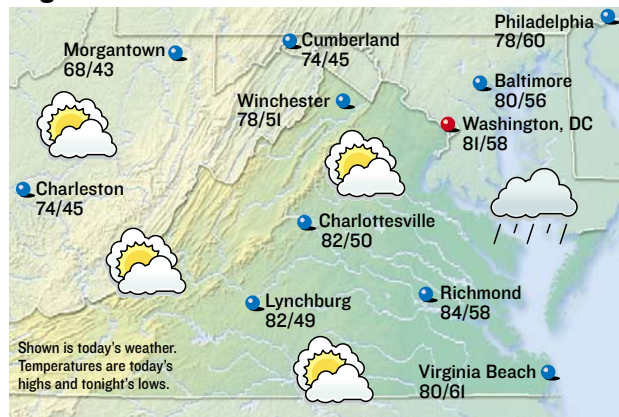
"Something is lacking here," said customer Jonathan Elorriaga. "Maybe the food shouldn't come with french fries."

MARK STEVENSON (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
81°	58°	68° / 52°	65° / 48°	68° / 49°	68° / 55°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	92°
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Normal low	52°
Average humidity	59%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
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Normal month to date	1.01"
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Last year to date	38.24"
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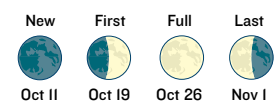
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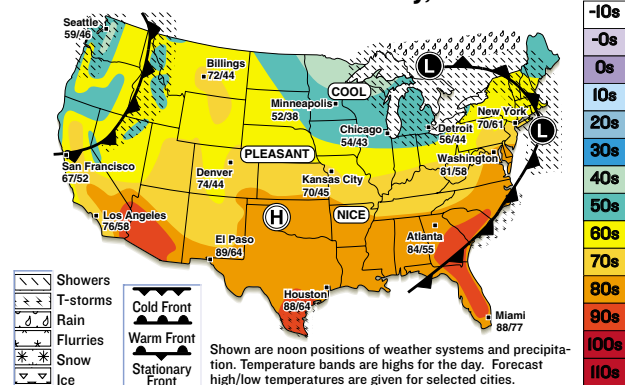
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:12 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:38 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:39 a.m.
Moonset today	6:10 p.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, October 10



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	84/55/pc	74/50/s
Boston	62/54/r	64/52/c
Chicago	54/43/sh	58/43/c
Dallas	86/59/s	82/59/s
Denver	74/44/s	75/45/pc
Honolulu	87/73/pc	87/74/s
Los Angeles	76/58/pc	73/58/pc
Miami	88/77/pc	90/75/t
New York City	70/61/r	67/54/c
Orlando	90/69/pc	89/63/s
Seattle	59/46/sh	60/46/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	59/46/pc	60/49/pc
Athens	77/66/t	77/65/pc
Berlin	57/44/pc	59/46/c
Buenos Aires	66/55/pc	61/54/c
Calgary	55/37/c	55/35/s
Dublin	63/52/pc	64/50/pc
Geneva	63/39/sh	66/43/s
Moscow	45/36/c	37/32/sn
Rome	69/56/sh	70/55/pc
Sydney	72/59/pc	81/63/pc
Tokyo	63/57/s	66/61/r

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Styles

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Splurge on a Sub

Have any extra dough for holiday shopping?

If you'd like to get started on your holiday shopping — and have a few million dollars to spare — luxury retailer Neiman Marcus can sell you a \$1.44 million submarine or a \$75,000 talking robot.

Not quite swanky enough? How about a private concert with Russia's Kirov Orchestra. For \$1.59 million, you and 499 friends will hear pianist Lola Astanova, led by maestro Valery Gergiev, in a show hosted by Regis Philbin in your hometown. For good measure, the Steinway concert grand stays behind.

Regan Cumming chats with a Swami Conversational Robot. We are so very jealous.

They're among the outrageous "fantasy gifts" that Neiman Marcus, celebrating its 100th anniversary, showed off last week from its 81st Christmas Book that is mailed to 1.8 million people and can be found online.

The gifts range from modest — a mug filled with pretzels for \$20 — to 10 acres in Montana for \$2.3 million that include a share of a nature preserve and a private dinner with your choice of entertainment by violinist Joshua Bell or soprano Renee Fleming.

"I think it captures some of the fun of the holidays that we give up as we get older," said Ginger Reeder, a spokeswoman for Neiman Marcus Direct.

The "his and hers" gift this year is a chocolate

portrait by Vik Muniz in which he'll capture your likenesses with the help of Bosco chocolate syrup. Also available is a \$73,000 cellphone studded with 7.2 carats of white and pink diamonds and featuring 24-hour global concierge service.

"It's for the woman who enjoys all the finest things in life, and why should she stop with her phone?" said David Ferguson, U.S. sales man-

"I think it captures some of the fun of the holidays that we give up as we get older."

GINGER REEDER, NEIMAN MARCUS DIRECT

ager for the manufacturer, Vertu.

Shoppers with the need for speed can pick up a Rocket Racing League Team for \$2 million. That includes a rocket that can fly at up to 320 mph on a "racetrack" about 1,000 feet in the air or one of 50 special edition Lexus cars that are part of the fastest production model the company has built.

One item in the catalog features a bit of history from the legendary store: a book of photos taken by Stanley Marcus, son of one of the founders who himself led the store for decades.

JAMIE STENGLE (AP)

Hair



Good Hair, Dead Heart

We loved what Lush's **GOth JUICE** (\$15, Lush.com) did to our hair, even if applying it was like dipping our fingers in rancid patchouli pudding. The goop is named after a fictitious product on the British cult hit "The Mighty Boosh;" the show's version is a hair spray "made from the tears of Robert Smith." (You know whose tears it's NOT made of? Bunnies — it's one of three new vegan, cruelty-free Lush gels.) It worked best on dry hair, creating a stiffness we could feel but not see. Side effects included painting our nails black, drinking blood-red wine and pondering the rotting miasma of our soul. RACHEL KAUFMAN

Holiday



Spooky, Spooky Do

As soon as the Columbus Day decorations come down, up goes the Halloween stuff. And it's not too early if you plan on replicating any of the projects in **MAKE MAGAZINE'S SPECIAL HALLOWEEN EDITION**. Half are on the crafty side; highlights include 16 pages of trauma/monster make-up, a headless Marie Antoinette costume and a rib cage-shaped dessert stuffed with cake organs. The rest of the issue gets technical. There's a fog maker built from a dryer hose and trash can, and plans for a haunted house system controlled via laptop. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

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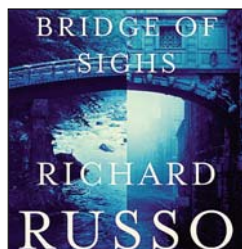

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BOOKS

Family History

Five years after winning the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "Empire Falls," Richard Russo has returned with the sprawling "Bridge of Sighs," which follows three families living in the late 20th century. Express contributor Tim Follos spoke to Russo before his Wednesday reading at Politics & Prose. | [COMING UP](#)



FREE RIDE

Rebellion in Georgetown

Calling Georgetown the home of "neoliberalism," protest group October Rebellion, which is planning rallies against the IMF and World Bank later this month, is also prepping "disruptive actions" in the neighborhood on Oct. 19. Express' Michael Grass has details. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

MUSIC

No Longer Cubs

Minus the Bear was once a silly indie-pop band known for ridiculous song titles such as "Just Kickin' It Like a Wild Donkey." But the group performing at the Black Cat on Wednesday has grown up — sort of. Express contributor Jason Koebler chatted with the Bears. | [COMING UP](#)



comment board

“The solution is to pay off Blackwater's latest victims and then get out of Iraq.”

COMMENTER CHAOS THEORIST, WHO ADDED, "THE U.S. HAS AN IMPERIALIST FOREIGN POLICY, BUT NO SURPLUS YOUNG MALE POPULATION TO KILL OFF IN IMPLEMENTING IT. SO, IT HIRED MERCENARIES."

“Hell, no. The taxpayers are no more responsible for Blackwater's misdeeds than Ford is for drunk drivers.”

COMMENTER MASON SPENCER, WHO ADDED, "KILL THE CONTRACTS, CHARGE THE GUILTY PARTIES AND SEND THE TAB TO BLACKWATER."



“Even if Blackwater pays, the U.S. taxpayers still are paying. It's our tax dollars that went into those contracts to Blackwater. This is a no-win situation.”

COMMENTER SB, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PAY THE FAMILIES OF IRAQIS KILLED BY BLACKWATER USA?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

SHOULD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PAY THE FAMILIES OF IRAQIS KILLED BY BLACKWATER USA?

NO 63%

YES 37%

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Blog LOG

“Can Lindsay’s rampant substance abuse and promiscuity stand a chance against Britney’s ... parenting skills? Who shall be the victor?”

THESUPERFICIAL.COM NOTES THAT LINDSAY LOHAN IS FRESH OUT OF REHAB AND POISED TO RECLAIM SOME OF THE SPOTLIGHT THAT'S BEEN FOCUSED ON BRITNEY SPEARS IN RECENT WEEKS.



“In all these years, I’ve never eaten the prepared foods. These days, Whole Foods turns into a veritable restaurant around lunchtime.”

THESLOWCOOK.BLOGSPOT.COM IS “CONVINCED THAT EVERY ETHIOPIAN CABDRIVER IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR SOME REASON CHOOSES TO EAT LUNCH AT WHOLE FOODS.”



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LEGAL BLOG ABOVEHELAW.COM REPORTS ON THE FIRM'S TREE-BASED ENTICEMENTS.

“THE MODEL T is one thing, but the other trailer had four Harleys in it. So, if your neighbor has a Model T and four Harleys, you might want to drop a dime and let someone know.”

DC.METBLOGS.COM RELAYS NEWS OF SOME THE PRIZED VEHICLES STOLEN FROM A SHRINERS CENTER IN FAIRFAX COUNTY.

“THERE ARE STILL pockets [on Capitol Hill] that, understandably, do not trust the Other, whatever that Other happens to be. You sense it from the way purses are clutched or people sit up just a little straighter [on] their porches ... that they are not happy to be together.”

MADAMEOW.TYPEPAD.COM ON CAPITOL HILL'S NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS.

Discussions

Music News

Post music critic **J. FREEDOM DU LAC** was online Tuesday and talked about Spoon, Bruce Springsteen and Britney Spears.

Did you catch Spoon's set on "SNL" this weekend? I thought they looked a little stiff and lacked chemistry, but they sounded really good. Don't MOST bands on "SNL" look stiff? They seemed to be having more trouble than usual with the mix, too, during the first song. It was way off, even by "SNL's" typically lousy standards.

Next album he puts out, Bruce Springsteen needs to steal the folks who engineered his wife's latest album and replace his guys with them. "Play It as It Lays" sounded crisp and clean, and "Magic" just sounded flat and distorted in parts, at least to me. I think the reason his face looked funny on "60 Minutes" is because he has a funny face.

I think it's time for him to stop using Brendan O'Brien as his producer. This is their weakest-sounding album together. And Bruce is even starting to sound a little bit like another guy on Brendan's CV: Eddie Vedder. Listen to "Radio Nowhere" and tell me that's not Bruce channeling EdVed.

Please restore my faith in humanity that Britney's status to No. 1 on the download charts is just a fluke or a similar reaction to rubbernecking at a car accident scene. The song stinks, yet it's climbing the charts. I just don't get it!

Never underestimate the stupidity of the American public. Oh, wait, did I just insult Chris Richards and Rachel Beckman???? My two fine colleagues were deep in conversation earlier today, discussing the greatness of that particular song. I just don't hear it.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post soccer writer Steven Goff chats about D.C. United and other soccer topics at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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BLOW CHUNKS ON THE SHUTTLE, GW STUDENTS. Administrators at George Washington University have decided to start charging fees up to \$300 for students vomiting on its shuttle between the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses.

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

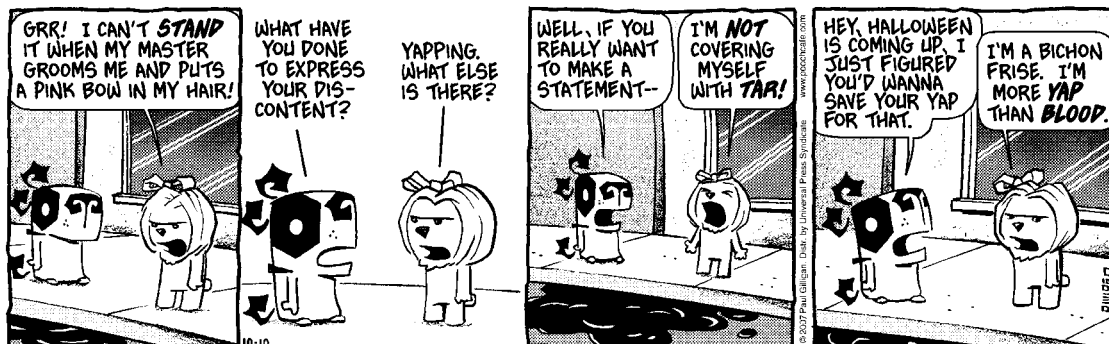


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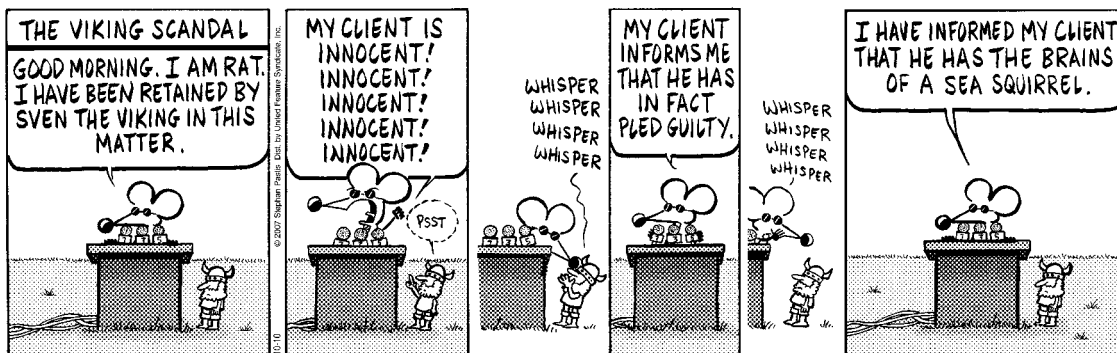


“Maybe I’m just making a mountain out of a molehill. I do that a lot.”

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A meeting between you and a superior may not come out exactly as you had planned, but you'll have more information at your disposal than expected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make yourself available to a friend or loved one, as you are likely to be asked for advice on more than one occasion. Be honest, sensitive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone younger than you will very likely prove a constant challenge throughout the day. Be patient, thoughtful and attentive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be under the influence of a far more romantic frame of mind than expected. A spouse or loved one will benefit greatly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't let anyone trick you into saying or doing the wrong thing. You have a lot on the line right now; play it safe in all things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're going to have to be more patient than usual as

you wait for instructions from someone who has promised to be in touch.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're in the mood for something a little more secure.

A down-to-earth endeavor can lead to more stable, tangible rewards.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on avoiding an upset at home. Talk to those who have the greatest influence over you, and those whom you can also influence in turn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep an open mind and you'll enjoy a vision of things as they might be. With inspiration and determination you can make big things happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The more interested you are in the affairs of others, the more you can learn from what you see. Keep your eyes and ears open at all times.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be forced to make a decision that creates more difficulties for a loved one — but you can also solve the problem very soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) You'll discover that problems are more easily solved the more directly you address them — but then, that's no great surprise, is it?



The U.S. Naval School was established in Annapolis, Md., on this day in 1845.

Today in History

1813 Composer Giuseppe Verdi is born in Le Roncole, Italy.

1845 The U.S. Naval School is established in Annapolis, Md. It later became the U.S. Naval Academy.

1943 Chiang Kai-shek takes the oath of office as president of China.

1967 The Outer Space Treaty, which prohibits the plac-

ing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, enters into force.

1973 Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleads no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion and resigns his office.

2002 The House votes 296-133 to give President Bush the authority to use force against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, with or without U.N. support.

LOOK out

People



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She was "sick" — of performing!

MEDICINE Mysterious Illness Is Much Like Hunger, Jet Lag

The Black Eyed Peas canceled a concert in San Salvador, El Salvador, after **FERGIE** fell ill. A newspaper reported that some 10,000 people were at the concert Friday when the singer suddenly told the crowd she was sick. The show was canceled minutes later. The band was in Central America as part of their "Monkey Business" tour. (AP)



CHRIS POLK/AP

SOBERING

That's the POINT

LINDSAY LOHAN, who checked out of rehab on Friday, told OK! that "it was a sobering experience. It was humbling. It made me look at myself and all the people, places and things in my life in a different way. I was in there for substance abuse, after all." (AP)



LAW One in 10 Bahamas Residents Want in on All the Fun

A lawyer for two women who worked for **ANNA NICOLE SMITH** as nannies in the Bahamas said Monday a new book falsely uses them as a source for a claim that Larry Birkhead and Howard K. Stern had videotaped a sexual encounter. Quethlie Alexis and Nadine Alex-

"How distasteful," thought Anna. "Really, now."

ie never spoke to the author of the book, Rita Cosby, and never told anyone about the alleged encounter. Cosby, who is in the Bahamas this week, said she never spoke to the nannies but stands by her book, which also attributes the claim of a sexual encounter to a friend of Smith's. (AP)

PRAISE Girlfriend Handpicked By Image Rehab Consultant

MACAULAY CULKIN and girlfriend Mila Kunis make a low-key couple, says the "That '70s Show" actress. "We enjoy each other's company," she tells Parade.com. "We like to read books or play video games or watch TV or go to the movies. And



he's an amazing cook. He makes dinner every night." Kunis says Culkun, now 27, is more mature than people think:

"He's an amazing, simple guy, who is probably the most brilliant person I've ever met." (AP)

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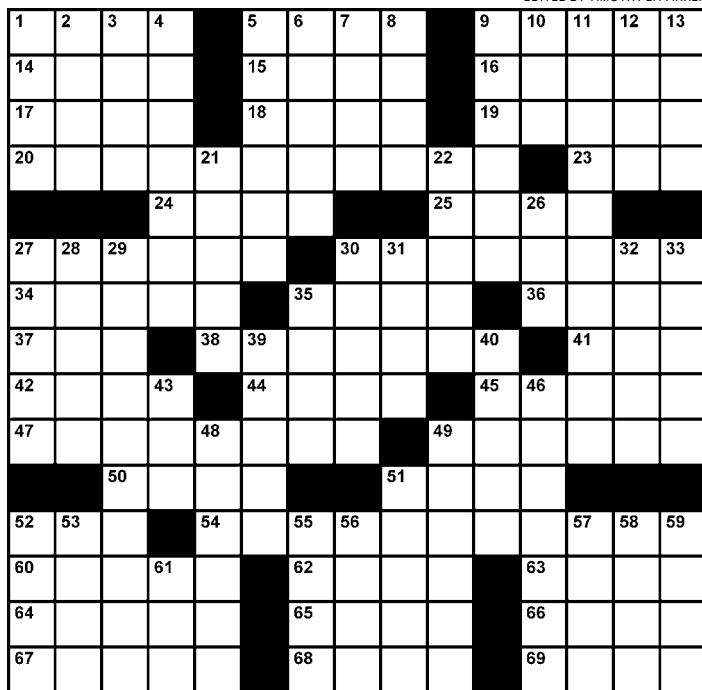
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Across

- 60 Nose part
62 D-Day beach
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64 Range rover
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69 Tar's surface?

DOWN

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impressed
2 ____ avis
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4 Place to loiter with pals
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6 Out of kilter
7 Move to one side
8 Kitchen fixture?
9 The Last Frontier
10 Will Smith's genre
11 Family sitcom
1969-74 (with "The")
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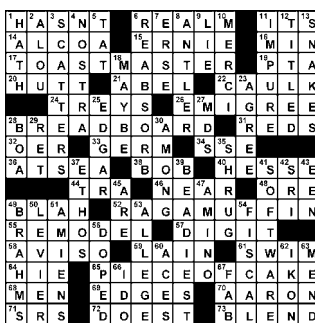


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31 Molder's medium
32 "You can ____ horse ..."
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40 Like off-color humor
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46 Made a mess of
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- spine
51 Dolphin territory
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53 Actress Moreno
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57 Picked on
58 Sweeping story
59 Calendar division
61 "____ real!"

Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD: Interior designer Matt Swingly cozies up to upholstery fabrics at the Century Furniture showroom at the Washington Design Center, a “mall” of decor dealers catering to the trade.

Shape Shifters

THERE'S MORE TO INTERIOR DESIGN THAN CUTE CURTAINS

When he decided to go back to school and study interior design, Matt Swingly never dreamed he'd be doing mathematical calculations about how much electric candle power it would take to light a high-ceilinged auditorium.

“It was so much more techni-

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Matt Swingly picks fabric at the Design Center's Century Furniture showroom.

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cal than I ever imagined," says the 38-year-old Swingly, who received his master's degree in 2001 from Marymount University in Arlington, Va. He now heads his own residential design firm — McMaster Wallace Interiors, named after his grandmothers. There, he finds himself not only doing lighting computations but

“It's not just about the talent to pick paints and fabrics. A house has to look good, but it also has to function.”

MATT SWINGLY, INTERIOR DESIGNER

also determining what size steam unit a luxe master bathroom shower calls for and picking out fabric to update clients' sofas.

With a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Cornell and job experience in digital design, Swingly qualified for an accelerated program that allowed him to finish his master's degree in two and a half years. He estimates the cost at about \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year sans scholarship.

"It was a lot of time and a big investment, but going as an adult made a big difference," says Swingly. "I realized how important it was to study hard and do the homework, which, as an 18-year-old, well, I'm not sure I would have." Moreover, he says, taking techy courses like textile science and lighting, along with learning space planning and building safety codes, made him a better designer.

"It's not just about the artistic talent to pick pretty paints and fabrics," says Swingly. "Sure, a house has to look good, but it also has to function."

Luba King, a senior completing her bachelor's degree at Marymount, seconds that. "People always ask me why I had to go to school [for King, it has been "three long years"] to pick out colors," says the 57-year-old Maryland resident, who owned Kallista, a design store in Bethesda that she shuttered several years ago.

AND BOLTS

It Pays to Recover a Chaise

■ In 2004, the Bureau of Labor Statistics counted 65,000 interior designers in the country, 21,500 of whom were self-employed. Earnings vary widely from state to state and can also depend on a professional's design specialty and his or her reputation. Salaries also vary between salaried employees and those who practice on their own.

According to 2005 BLS data, the mean annual wage for a salaried interior designer was \$45,460 in Maryland; \$48,210 in Virginia and \$62,560 in D.C. No government figures are available on how much self-employed interior designers earn, but according to the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), annual salaries range from less than \$20,000 to more than \$120,000.

REQUIREMENTS: The gold standard for designers is passing the NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) exam. According to BLS, to be eligible to take the exam, applicants must have a minimum combination of six years of work and education experience in interior design, of which at least two are in education. Once you've passed, you're called a "certified interior designer" if you live in Maryland or Virginia; in D.C., you're a "licensed interior designer." J.B.



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"Few people understand the extent of what you have to study today," she says. Interior design course work includes computer drafting technology (drawing on computers was new for King and terrified her at first) as well as, says King, "accessibility codes — how wide hallways must be to accommodate wheelchairs, for example — environmental requirements and procedures for running a business." Also, she adds, "States are getting stricter in requirements and pushing for licensing exams if you want to call yourself an interior designer."

In the last 20 years, the whole interior design industry has gone through a sea change, according to Catherine Armour, chair of the design department at the Corcoran College of Art + Design. "Most designers have a degree today, and they can design hotels, hospitals, department stores, offices and sports complexes as well as determine the decor and layout of private homes," she says.

"If you're good at what you do, the job prospects are excellent, particularly in the commercial realm, where there are many more opportunities than in past years. More Corcoran students are heading in the commercial direction and frequently find themselves working in teams, collaborating with architects and engineers."

Like King and Swingly, many students enter design programs seeking a mid-career switch. Jean Freeman, professor of interior design at Marymount, estimates the per-

centage of such folks in her classes to be more than 60 percent.

However, unlike most graduates, Swingly has chosen self-employment in residential design. King, who is currently doing an internship at a local design firm, intends to relocate and open her own interior design business in Florida after graduating.

On a typical day, Swingly might spend a few hours at the Washington Design Center with clients picking out floor coverings.

Today, interior designers work on a variety of projects, from hotels to sports complexes.

"This requires knowledge of carpet construction as well as fiber content," he says. "I make sure I'm choosing a carpet that fulfills both aesthetic and functional needs. The carpet I select for a busy family with pets will most likely have a different fiber content than one I'd pick for a no-kids, no-pets household."

Later that day Swingly might figure out lighting solutions for a customer who's building a new home in Potomac. "We talk about all the different kinds of light fixtures they'll need, what effects they'd like to achieve and how to make it

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COURSE WORK

■ Ready to start planning kitchen rehabs and picking neo-Baroque wallpaper? Try one of several local colleges that offer interior design programs. Requirements for admission and degree completion vary; consult schools for details. For information on degrees, continuing education and license programs, contact the American Society of Interior Designers, 608 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-546-3480; Asid.org.

Corcoran College of Art + Design currently offers only an M.A. but will offer a B.A. starting in 2008. Courses are held at the school's Georgetown campus. 1801 35th St. NW; 202-298-2541; Corcoran.edu.

George Washington offers a B.F.A. and an M.F.A. in interior design at the Mount Vernon campus, 2100 Foxhall Rd. NW; 202-242-6705; Gwu.edu.

Howard University has an Interior Design B.A. program. 2455 Sixth St. NW; 202-806-6700; Coas.howard.edu

Marymount University offers a B.A. and an M.A. in interior design. 2807 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington; 703-284-1671; Marymount.edu

Montgomery College, with campuses in Rockville, Germantown and Silver Spring, boasts a 2-year Associate of Applied Science degree and a 1-year Home Decorating Certificate. Contact interior design program coordinator Pamela Gragg, 240-567-7597; pamelagragg@montgomerycollege.edu. j.a.



ROOM VROOM: During a recent interior design class at the Corcoran College of Art + Design, instructor Mathilda Cox filled wannabe decor pros in on how blueprint-, sketch- and photograph-filled idea boards can help convey their ideas to clients.

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all cohesive.”

In addition to appointments with clients, Swingly may have meetings with vendors (including cabinet makers and upholsterers) or work with a corporate client on paint schemes and furniture for a downtown office. Whatever the day brings, and “every day is different,” says Swingly, “one of the most important things I’ve learned in the past few years is how crucial it is to have good people skills.”

According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), “Self-employed interior designers and those working in smaller firms usually earn a per-hour consulting fee, plus a percentage of the total cost of furniture, lighting, artwork and other design elements.”

But says Swingly, “Designers work and charge in different ways. It’s important to work with a client in a way that you’re comfortable,



Matt Swingly often brings clients to Washington Design Center to scout for stuff.

SHORT SUBJECTS

■ Not all interior design courses are aimed at wannabe HGTV stars. The Corcoran (Corcoran.edu) offers several short, fast-paced courses for the non-pro design enthusiast or homeowner. They are not related to the degree program, but are specifically developed with a continuing education public in mind.

Those offered this fall include a four-week seminar (Dec. 1-Dec. 15) on coming up with a cohesive color palette for the home and a seven-week seminar (starting Oct. 30) called “Restoration and Renovation.” Designed for owners and prospective owners of older homes, the course covers evaluating structural soundness and philosophies of and resources for restoration.

This fall, Montgomery College offered a two-session continuing education class, “Interior Design — Add Color to Your World.” J.B.

whether by the hour, by the job or something else. I once even bartered with a client — I got a harpsichord in exchange for a kitchen design.”

In the Corcoran College course “Introduction to Interior Design,” Carol Donnelly instructs her class, a mix of students of varying ages and backgrounds, on construction, drafting and rendering, space-planning and color theory.

One of the class’ first projects is to develop the interior of a small vacation house and decide who’s going to live there. Donnelly hands out a piece of paper with a footprint of the house on it and a set of parameters, including the height of the ceilings, the thickness of walls and the dimensions of the stairs. During the four-hour evening session, which includes drafting work, she offers practical advice, such as, “Stay on top of technology, rehab if possible and remember that your job is to make the most efficient use of space.” She also cautions the class to keep in mind that a designer is depen-

dent on the economy, so getting customers can be tougher when fears of recession loom.

“This class is geared for someone considering the Interior Design program, to give them a feel for whether they want to pursue either the M.A. or B.F.A. programs,” says Mary Sipper, a student in Donnelly’s intro class who works as a grants administrator with the National Endowment for the Arts. She has a master’s in art history and three semesters of architecture courses but wants to do something creative and hands-on, rather than the “dry, very technical things” she’s responsible for at NEA.

“I want to get my feet wet,” says Sipper, who decided not to take the class for credit. Sipper reasons that even if she doesn’t get a degree, “I’ll have learned to sketch something up and talk coherently to a designer about my ideas. Right now I’m living in a ’50s house that belonged to my parents, and it’s in drastic need of an overhaul.” JANET BENNETT



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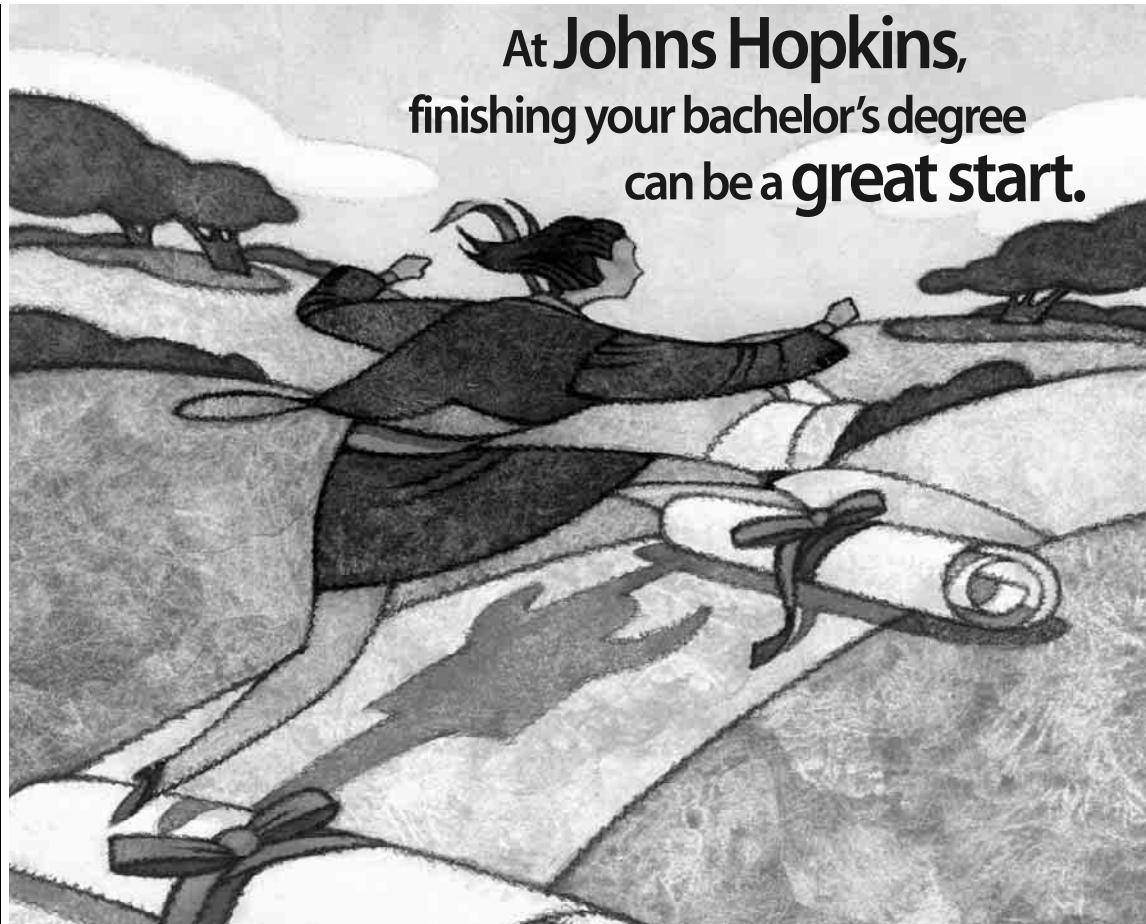
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"People always think I'm evaluating their skill level," says Johnson, founder of Life Skills School of Etiquette in Lanham, Md. "My mom, at dinner, always says, 'Am I doing this right?' A woman came

to meet me and said, 'Ooh, I'm around an etiquette professional, so I have to be careful how I open the door.'"

Her response? "Be comfortable. If you ask my advice, I'll give it. But unless you're acting in a way that's completely inappropriate, I won't correct you or tell you what to do."

How polite! Like Emily Post, Letitia Baldrige and Miss Manners before her, Johnson always knows the right things to say and do. And like so many busi-

ness owners with a dream, she saw a need in the market and jumped in to fill it.

Johnson always was a go-getter.

She's been employed since age 15, along the way earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business from the University of Maryland. Starting at a Landover Mall T-shirt shop, she then worked for the Department

of Justice, a trade association, Nordstrom and the federal Office of Personnel Management, mainly in human resources.

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Through her teens and 20s, two themes evolved for Johnson: She wanted to run her own business, and she noticed how poor presentation and social skills ruined many job hunters' chances of success.

At Nordstrom, a retailer known for great customer service, "it was rare to get someone who interviewed well, with good presentation and a good first impression," Johnson says. Over time, the experience became frustrating and draining: "We'd do 25 to 30 interviews a day, and the bulk were terrible. That showed me that there's a huge need."

For what? A modern-day charm school. "For the baby boom generation, there were many more charm schools — in department stores, Woodies, Sears," says the 27-year-old entrepreneur. "People tell me, 'My parents made me go to charm school.' It was common practice in the '50s through the early '70s."

Stalled at work and fired up to change the world, or at least local youth, she left OPM and enrolled in an intense two-day workshop at the International School of Protocol (410-771-6900; InternationalSchoolofProtocol.com) in Hunt Valley, Md. The school has run thousands of similar programs since 1993, certifying a diverse group of schoolteachers, guidance counselors, employees of faith-based organizations and "quite a few entrepre-

neurs," says co-director Cathleen Hanson. Classes, limited to 15 people, are "very experiential," she says; students learn the material while learning to teach the material.

The class "Teaching Etiquette to Children and Teens," next held Oct. 12-13, costs \$775; "Teaching Etiquette to Adults and Business Professionals," next held Nov. 9-10, costs \$2,500.

“My work doesn't feel like work. There's a sense of freedom and flexibility.”

LACHELLE JOHNSON, MANNERS GURU

Johnson armed herself with etiquette books, devised a business plan, and often stayed up until dawn developing everything from her curriculum to the physical layout of classes. She and a friend launched the K&L School of Etiquette and Protocol on June 9, 2006, but after six months the partnership dissolved. Johnson restructured with the Life Skills name.

"It was a huge learning process," she says diplomatically, but

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MIND YOUR PEAS AND CUKES: At her Life Skills School of Etiquette, LaChelle Johnson helps students learn which fork or knife to use when at formal dinners.

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the business has taken off. She's worked with 30 organizations, from private schools and churches to sororities, scout groups and county recreation services. She has three contract employees on call.

Johnson has networked with the local chamber of commerce and Women Business Owners of Prince George's County, taken part in career fairs, and done radio and TV interviews to keep the referrals coming in.

One teen boy signed up because his girlfriend had. "He expected it to be boring, but he saw how energetic and interactive it was. He came up and said, 'This was actually pretty good,'" Johnson says. Soon the teen won a presidential internship at the Department of Labor; when he met first lady Laura Bush, she told him, "Wow, you need to meet my husband."

"I guess he had a strong and confident handshake. We teach that here," says Johnson. "It made me feel really good, like they leave my class and really practice what I preach."

This fall, Johnson has expand-



SEE THE POLITE LIGHT: In her classes, LaChelle Johnson helps teenagers and adults master business and social etiquette.

ed her services to the Falls Church Community Center and eventually would like to see a Life Skills School of Etiquette in every state. She's considering offering products such as instructional DVDs and place-setting place mats for kids.

Her last salary at OPM was

At manners classes, students learn the right way to shake hands and introduce themselves.

\$55,000, and "I can see the potential to make far more." Meanwhile, life is good: "My work doesn't feel like work; there's a sense of freedom and flexibility." She's working harder than she ever did as a 9-to-5er, but motivation has replaced stress — and "I'm doing what I love." ELLEN RYAN

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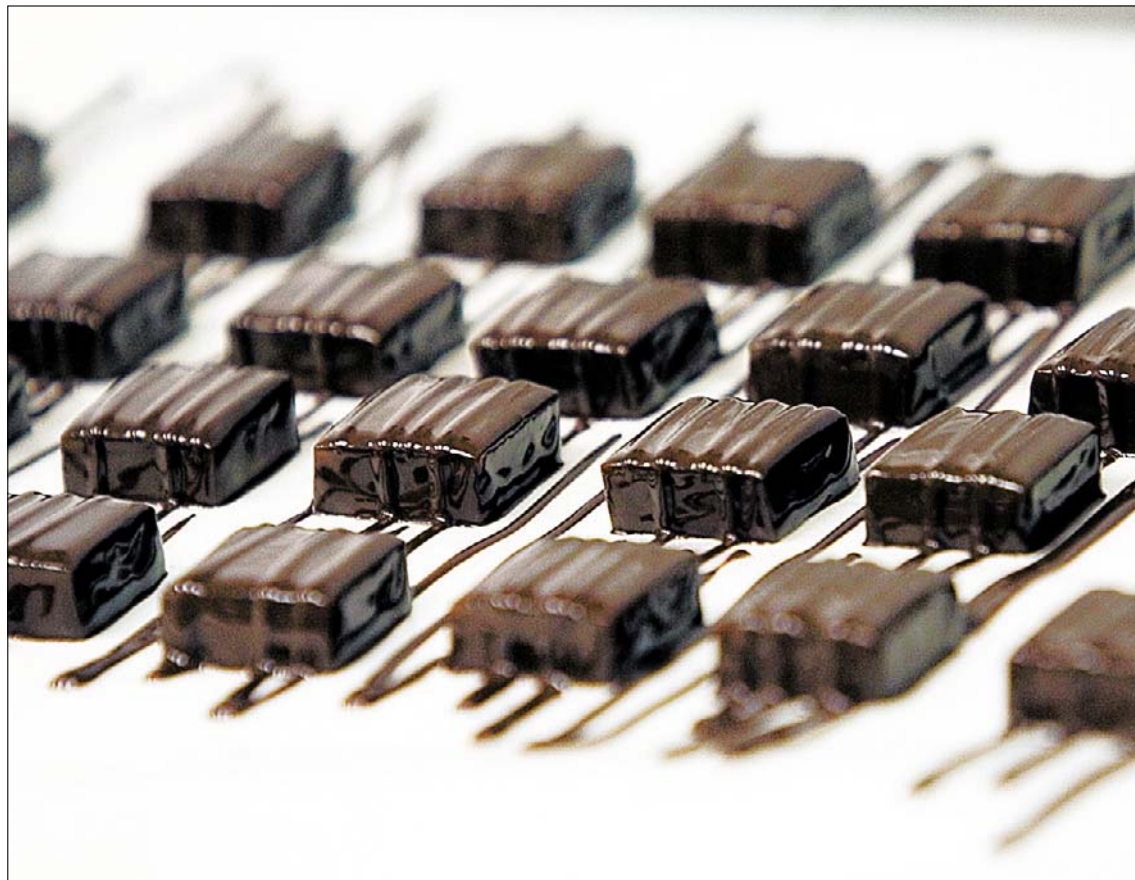
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THE CONFECTION AGENCY: At Wanders Chocolatier in Manassas, culinary school grads whip up truffles and other treats.

Sweet Dream Jobs

Pastry chefs are making bonbons and brioche in a field on the rise

Melanie Wanders grew up in a family of cooks. She baked cookies and made caramel corn as a girl and worked in a country club kitchen during high school.

She interned at the renowned Chez Panisse restaurant in California and received a bachelor's degree from the Culinary Institute of America. Then she jumped into chocolate making — first in Los Angeles, then in Germany.

These days, she and her husband, Wilhelm Wanders, make chocolate at their Wanders Chocolatier in Manassas, which sells online (a 1-pound assortment

retails for \$55.95) and at half a dozen gourmet shops.

"I like it every morning when I walk in and I smell the chocolates," Wanders said.

She believes she has found the sweetest career — and she's in good company. Enrollments in culinary schools continue to increase. Many career-changers are joining the 19-year-olds in pastry classes at the

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Melanie Wanders and her husband make chocolates at their new Manassas shop.

Cookie Smarts

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Culinary Institute or at Johnson & Wales University, which offers degrees in culinary arts at its four campuses.

Graduates of the baking and pastry arts programs at Johnson & Wales are most interested in establishing a business such as a bakery, bakery cafe or wedding cake company, said Wanda Cropper, an assistant dean who once worked at the Marriott headquarters and ran a District wholesale pastry business.

"Every week, a new chocolate maker or chocolatier pops up," said Wanders, who compares the rising popularity of chocolate to wine's growth a decade or more ago. As more sweet shops open, they create career opportunities. So do restaurants and gourmet food outlets that sell signature desserts.

Yet such jobs are hotly sought after — and are hot once they're obtained, too. "There is quite a bit of competition," said Robert Jorin of the Culinary Institute's California campus.

Tough competition and low wages are two drawbacks of careers in sweets.

But there are advantages — from the joy of creating new dishes to the camaraderie of the kitchen to the happiness of giving people food they crave. "I've heard some moans from women that have been surprised when they have our chocolates," Wanders said.

Perhaps that explains why people try to establish credentials with an

internship or two at a top restaurant or hotel or with a chef with a stellar reputation. Such internships are generally unpaid. "They would do anything to get in there and peel potatoes all day," Jorin said. Like many, he believes internships provide valuable experience and may open doors.

Some sweets chefs say newcom-

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MELANIE WANDERS, PASTRY CHEF

ers can learn as much as an apprentice or in entry-level jobs as they would in culinary school. "I wouldn't have gone had I known," said Janelle Birdsall, pastry chef at Black's Bar and Kitchen in Bethesda. She graduated from the California Culinary Academy and then worked for a classical French pastry chef.

Jorin suggests, however, that students learn a broader range of cuisines and cooking styles versus a narrower focus when apprenticing with one chef. And he said many employers want a chef with a degree so they know they're getting someone with intelligence and a certain caliber of skills.

Pastry chefs and chocolate makers need to understand the basics of how ingredients and cooking work,

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have a business sense and be creative and inventive. "Chocolate is so temperamental — one degree can change everything," Wanders said. "We tweak everything to get the perfect product."

Whether working with chocolate or fruit pies, most pastry chefs start in low-paying jobs. Earnings depend on the establishment as well as on reputation and experience — and sometimes, how well their sweets sell. Median pay ranges from \$12 to \$19 per hour nationwide and can approach \$30 per hour for some, according to the government's Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Often, those in sweet careers start as kitchen assistants or assistants to the pastry chef, then step up in pay and responsibility.

Birdsall figures a good work ethic



CANDY WOMAN: At her Virginia shop, Melanie Wanders uses techniques she learned at the Culinary Institute of America.

and willingness to learn are important. She works 60 to 65 hours per week and may add hours as some of her summer help heads back to school. She estimates she makes 60 desserts during the week and on weekends, 120. "There's never any down time," she said.

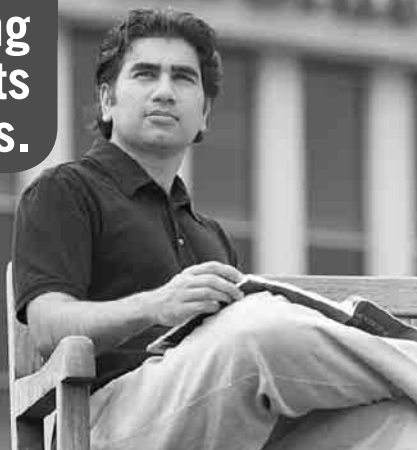
Despite the glamorous notion of a chef's job as seen on the Food Network, the work can be physically demanding and quite menial — fetching big boxes of fruit or chocolate, standing for eight or 10 hours per day and stirring over 300-degree Fahrenheit burners.

But chefs do get to sample some sweet fare. Although surrounded by chocolates, Wanders limits herself to one per day.

"If I start eating it," she said, "I just want to keep eating it."

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A Porsche 911 sits outside company headquarters, ready for employees to grab and take for a spin. Inside, a "chill out" room offers an Xbox, while the staff lounge displays the kookiest items employees have found on eBay, including a beer-branded model airplane.

The perks and atmosphere may sound like they're from a Silicon Valley startup, with more attitude than profit and executives straight

out of college. But Command Information of Herndon is run by experienced managers and claims a solid profit from its work for the government.

The company says it borrowed those West Coast-style fringe benefits to compete for talent in Washington's high-tech job market, which has become so tight that companies are getting creative to make themselves attractive.

"One of our biggest issues is hiring great people," said chief executive Tom Patterson. "With zero unemployment, nobody is hitting the bench saying, 'I hope I can find a job one day.'"

Command Information helps clients upgrade their networks to

Internet Protocol Version 6, a higher-capacity system that would enable nearly every device — including medical dispensers, cars, computers and handhelds — to connect and work with one another automatically. In its two years, Command Information has attracted \$40 million in venture funding.

As the business grows — it already has \$50 million in sales — Patterson, a former executive at IBM and Deloitte, says he worries about how he'll be able to recruit enough people to meet the company's needs.

For that reason, Patterson has imported some of the other coast's mentality. "For the kind of people we want," he said, "we have to go above

and beyond to really make Command an attractive place to work, and that goes beyond just having foosball and being able to shoot hoops; but really there's a lot of career development opportunities."

That was important for David Green, who runs the company's technology lab. "For a start-up, they had excellent benefits," he said. "It's very sociable with our development teams. ... We have the Porsche, we have video games, we've been having a lot of company picnics."

There are some drawbacks to the Washington region, said Hooman Radfar, founder of McLean online

Employees of a Virginia tech firm get fringe benefits from computer games to cars.

widget maker Clearspring. By being away from Silicon Valley, companies miss out on what he calls the "recombinative innovative effect" — the idea that a couple of people could be sitting in a bar and sponta-

neously generate a great product.

Radfar has injected his company with a bit of a Silicon Valley feel, however, with what employees call a "war room" — a projector for movies, a Nintendo Wii, an Xbox, bean bags and sleeping bags. Most of the company's 35 employees in Washington are in their mid- to late 20s. And he's opened offices on the West Coast.

Despite their similarities to Silicon Valley start-ups, Command and Clearspring have a distinct Washington flavor.

Patterson considered opening Command Information in Silicon

Valley, Austin or Boston, but he chose Northern Virginia after receiving venture backing from the District's Carlyle Group. He later received support from Bethesda's Novak Biddle. The investors understood IPv6, he said, but wanted him to take fewer risks with his business plan, scaling back an ambitious marketing effort.

"One of the things I think really helped here was that the D.C. area has a wealth of experience — gray-bearded talent from the telecom and Internet space — the actual formation of the Internet," Patterson said, referring to when the Internet was

a Pentagon program.

And while two-thirds of the company's revenue today comes from the government, which is required to upgrade to IPv6 by June, Patterson expects commercial clients such as Bechtel and Cisco to increasingly dominate its customer base.

"We're absolutely going after a huge new market," he said. "But we're doing it in a very low-risk way."

That more cautious attitude is welcomed by East Coast venture firms, in contrast to those on the West Coast, which are often look-

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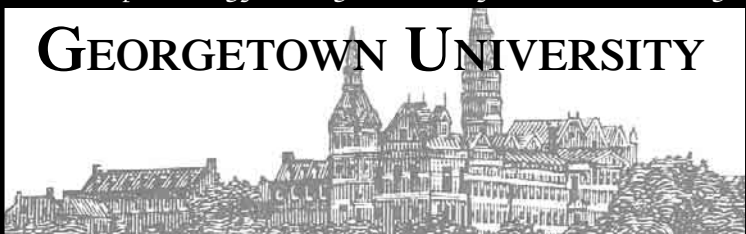
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In deciding to start his Web company in Washington, Radfar said he appreciated the sustained attention he received from investors and the fact that he could count on employees to stay on.

"If you go to the Valley, there's the glamour side of it and the becoming-a-Google side of it," he said. "It's not uncommon for a person in Silicon Valley to have three or four jobs in a year or two."

By contrast, in Washington, "when you do get capital, the venture capitalists are long term and the employees are long term."

During the dot-com era, lavish benefits became a symbol of the tech bubble. By contrast, the benefits today are less about display-



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Tom Patterson of Command Information thinks the firm's Porsche helps morale.

ing wealth and more about relaxing corporate culture. The idea of building the business — a constant worry for start-ups — even shows up in perks.

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"You've just got to try it," he said. But in "trying it," he attracted a police officer's attention as he hit 90 mph.

Snowden received only a warning. "The officer was more interested in the logos and the verbiage," Snowden said.

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